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Will Rogers' Appeal to the Nation

February 5th, 1939

ONCE MORE I want to remonstrate with the noble hearted and generous minded people who are determined to build monuments to honor my name and keep my memory green. (laugh). **If,** in my life time I was not impressive enough to leave my mark in the world I should fade out of the picture, but gentlemen, and ladies, kind friends — do me the honor if honor you must to keep my unsophisticated menagerie of acts living through the generations yet to come—build schools for talented children who may make highways in the future, as I have only left a trail for the present generation.

MONUMENTS—I abhor. There is no group of words in the English language that I could link together that would give adequate expression to my utter **distaste** and **dislike** for them. Nothing made me **madder** or came nearer giving me the hangman's noose than being told to be **like** someone else.

Where would I have been, following in the footsteps of the great men of my grandfather's age and where will the children of the future be if they try to wear my clothes?

Lightning changes will take place in the lives of the future children. Histories will not be known. As I look upon the world today it is too bad that they were ever known. If the great egotists of today who are determined, no matter what the cost in lives, to possess the earth and rule the people who inhabit it had never studied history they would be good citizens and good neighbors, earning their living by the sweat of their brow and the brawn of their sinews.

Good people, friends and neighbors, search out the talented and underprivileged children and make them the **perfect human beings** which they **can be** to take their place in the world in which they must do their share. If you would go into the crime schools—popularly named "Houses of Correction, Reformatories, Jails, etc", congregate, not segragate these boys and girls into classes adaptable to their outstanding talent and inborn love—you could retire your great army of law enforcers.

This is my message and my contribution to keep my memory green and to hold my honor among men. Thank you.

WILL ROGERS.

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It Gives Us Great Pleasure to Give These Communications to the Inquiring World

Through the Eyes of Youth

WE are closing the book of history with the present generation reaching its majority in 1959.

The conquering heroes of the next war—the war of the oblivion of the present makers of the war will find the survivors a purged race indeed. In the war zones of the world all vestige of civilization will be obliterated. The devastation of the implements of war will make yawning craters of the earth's surface carpeted with mangled bodies that were once the flower of the land. The few straggling civilized (so-called) countries will be depopulated by the call to arms of the war gods who rule in warring nations and who fascinate the warring minds of the so-called peaceful nations.

Famine and pestilence will be carried by the trade winds to the shores of all countries. No country will escape the deadly germs blown hither and yon, across the desert, across the gulf and across the oceans; and even though the days be shortened the time will be all too long for the salvation of civilization. The epidemic of war will spread to all countries where the white man has carried his inventions that should have been used only for the upbuilding of the races, the education and the comfort of the masses. The cry of Rachel weeping for her children is no longer an allegory. The wolf in sheep's clothing is no longer a simile; they are reality. Wolves indeed have left the forest. The trumpeting of the elephant portraying danger sweeps onward and the lion stalking his prey is hurled into oblivion. The faint cry of the babe is heard no more. Mothers are crushed under the load of the tyrant greed and the face of civilization is masked with the mask of *tyranny*. A gruesome picture you may well say and yet, nations have torn nations to shreds. There will arise from the blood drenched soil—*leaders* who have survived the castigation of the world and who will organize the youth of that day under the banner of a Peace without price—a Peace deeply engraved upon their souls—a Peace that shall never be broken—a Peace sprung from the seed of human kindness bearing the fruit of mercy to all mankind.

Rulers of today—whoever you are—wherever you are—you have failed youth; you have failed the fathers and mothers in your generation—you have failed the fathers and mothers of the future generations and their grandchildren's children. You have set back the wheels of progress a thousand years of your calendar time. My words shall go down in history with this epitaph: *"Here lie the destroyers of the world—the wasters of a thousand years of calendar time that belonged to their posterity. Here lie the men and women who sent the world of boys and girls to their destruction."*

UNIVERSE SPEAKING

EFFA E. DANELSON, *Editor*

Demons of Destruction

DEMONS of destruction are they whose benighted minds destroy that which has been builded by another. The devastating command sent forth by those who have assigned to themselves the task of rulership, who, without mercy and without principle have robbed the world of a future generation and destroyed the handiwork of all the generations of time, must of a necessity have brought upon himself the task of paying with the last drop of his own blood and the last sane thought of his mind through endless aeons of time the toll of a condemned humanity.

These demons of destruction have set a price upon their heads and a penalty upon their souls from which they can never escape. They will be hunted all down through the march of Time—the red blood of their victims will write their names in flaming hatred, searing their souls and sealing their tombs. Vengeance is mind, saith the Lord of hosts and vengeance is mine saith humanity and humanity's posterity. We see, as though it were molten fire flaming from the sky, bringing confusion and confounding the carriers of carrion. We hear a wail like the screaming of sirens filling the air, rising from the crushed bodies of men, women and childen, lying on the fields of destruction and who shall say *crime,* whether it be perpetrated by an individual or by the heads of government shall go unpunished. *The rain of shrapnel from the vaulted sky toward which men looked for Peace to come*—Can it be the Star of Bethlehem has been usurped—Can it be the *light* has been forever dimmed—Can it be the song of the angels, the glad hosannas has been forever stilled—is the cry for Peace a travesty—is the wail of the babe no longer appealing—has motherhood lost forever its sanctity? What shall the harvest be and shall that harvest be reaped and unequivocally surrendered to the demon destroyers of human bodies. A million years of building and in a moment of the whirling shrapnel all traces of civilization wiped out. WHAT A GHASTLY RECORD.

Who are these demons of destruction calling themselves men—setting themselves up as rulers over a peaceful citizenry. Yes, indeed they are murderers—murderers drinking the blood of civilization—feeding on carrion, girding their loins with the bodies of dead men, women and children yet unborn—the future generation cut off. Can you hear their wailing cry—can you see their blanched faces and their stiffening forms. Listen and look, my brethren of Peace. CAN *you* look upon this destruction longer and listen to those cries forever or does the picture render you stark, stiff, unmovable-blind, deaf and dumb that in this generation, the twentieth century of enlightenment you can find no remedy, no *Master* who can be aroused from his sleep in the hull of the ship to speak Peace and *compel* PEACE. Have we no Kings and Queens, no Emperors, no Men of power who can assemble in a peaceful conference to stop these criminals who have torn the flesh, whose jaws and hands are dripping with blood, whose claws are hanging filled with the flesh of your brothers and sisters—your kindred souls?

All flesh is kin—all Life is Divine and each soul journeys on. Would that our voice could be heard with sufficient power of healing to stop this destruction now going on on every hand; not only the destruction of Life but the destruction of handiwork—the destruction of masterpieces of every enlightened age wherever man has set his foot and set up an altar to his God.

Editorials In Tune

Without Fear or Favor

The Indwelling Spirit

THE fanciful writers of your century regarding the Life after the dissemination of the physical body are leading the people into a greater bondage and a more dense darkness mentally, than the diabolical teachings of the so-called Christian church or the worshippers of an Idol age. There is *one* law for all living things and *one* life for all living things. There is an eternal progression of immortality, regardless of Time, of place or of creation. All is Law and every change, regardless of its minuteness or its greatness, time or place, whether in the earth or the ether—whether in man, beast or the living things of the earth, the rock or sands of the seashore, the winds, the rain, whether in the form of hail or snow. The minerals are governed by law in their formation through the shifting of their beds and the progress of Time. No living thing at any time is confined to the vehicle in which it moves upon the face of the earth. The Life which is everlasting and unperishable directs the course of each entity through the endless aeons of the years by which man counts his birth and death (Physical disintegration). Life is eternal and IS without a beginning in the sense of man's reasoning and is without end. Man's span of life is a spiral, not a circle. The vastness of Life is incomprehensible to man in his infancy and that infancy continues through many changes and one might say through many embodiments in its journey from man's conception of eternity to eternity. From birth in the physical body to death of the physical body is an eternity, one step in the evolution in the earth sphere.

Man has named the constellations according to his finite understanding. All constellations are spheres through which man passes in his journey to the light, drawn by the power of the sphere to which he migrates when he leaves the earth embodiment. Some are called by the Sun's rays and are drawn on a sunbeam, so to speak, using man's language to interpret. The ladder 'twixt Heaven and earth in the story of your Bible is a ray of light over which the consciousness of the seeking soul of the individual receives unto themselves. It is a fact that when a man dies the physical death his body goes back to the elements. It is also a fact that all dross goes back to the elements. It is also a fact that the quickening spirit of that individual never dies. Meeting each new garment in its flight, using the word "flight" only as an accommodation, it clothes itself in its new garment of expression. To illustrate this we bring you to the bedside of a mother who has just contributed to the world of your understanding, a new denizen or to your country a new citizen—or to your family, a little child—a new born babe, as far as you are able to conceive. Look upon this child as a world, hanging in space—a planet if you will, thrown off from the mother planet to later shift for itself in the great sphere in which it found itself, a living, breathing star of the first dimension of earth life. Then follow this life through the many Heavens and the many Hells on its trackless path. Visualize, if you will, that same Life or your own when that body ceases to function. You are simply born into a new dimension of continued activity, your Heaven always at hand, your Hell always following up lest you dash your foot against a stone of temptation and swerve you from your purpose.

Where is Heaven? Heaven is in the light that guides you along the path of greatest resistance. Where is Hell? Hell is the power that urges you along the path of least resistance; always present, these two energies, one strong, the other weak. Death even does not free you from these monarchs of government. You free yourself through your decisions. There is the indwelling spirit that seeks comfort and pleasure for the physical body and there is the great spirit of eternal progress guiding you from world to world until *you* as a creator have fulfilled the mission of your own relationship to the whole and you become one with the great Law, yet always an integral part of activity.

Victory

IN the main, Victory is a sham word leading the majority of people into strange lands over strange and irregular highways and by-paths. To some, Victory means success—success in finance, success in gaining the coveted prize on which we have set our hearts. Then—it means victory over a foe assailing our rights. The word is a vicious word and leads to many complications in Life—vicious because it is composed of the elements of destruction. It is a driving word, a heralder of conquest—conquest of the strong over the weak. We hear the sound of marching feet to strains of exhilarating music, exciting and driving those who are weak into conquests, merciless conquests of warfare—warfare stabilized in favor of the justice of one side against the justice of the other; yet Life in its entirety is made up of victories by those who through physical strength, keen wit and endurance, carry on. Sometimes the goal is worthy, sometimes the goal is an unworthy trophy, yet when the cycle is completed equilibrium is the balance wheel moving forward in great, compassionate endurance, righting the wrongs through aeons of time—not the wrongs of the individual, not the wrongs of Nations but as the grain of wheat yields

With Our Times

BY EFFA DANELSON

to the growing power within it, bringing forth another harvest, so each succeeding generation supplants the generation of yesterday and while destruction abounds, everywhere construction raises its victorious head and generations yet to come will reap the harvest of the day of doom now settling over the victorious ones who gleefully claim their victories.

As I stand at the corner watching time hurling back the products of yesterday, whirling into line the products of the days that are to be, I marvel not that in this year of great triumph and grave disasters that the world has at last entered the door of the clearing house of the past; and written before me in letters that blize like the sun are these words "Calumny, you are done"; you are swallowed up by the foe of your own creation. No more shall your hand destroy the fruits of the earth. No more shall you trample the little children. Your race is run and your empty victories shall drag you down, down, down; and no more shall you raise your cry—Mine, mine, mine. And up from the sodden fields a new generation shall rise and your name shall forever be erased from the pages of history." O Victory—what empty baubles you held. Farewell, farewell to your reign of terror.

Looking Ahead

POLITICS is a great game, as old as the hills and as intricate as the shadows that flee from the light. The checkerboard of today baffles the shrewdest minds. What has been done—what will be done, will not depend upon the voice of any candidate for the Presidency in 1940. There is a voice crying in the wilderness "Repent ye, repent ye."

From whence cometh this voice and whither is it going.

The present incumbent of the White House has sailed a most tempestuous sea. His trusted sailors deserted him; yet the Ship of State sailed on. Those who could not dictate tried to throttle the ship—they failed. They tried it again and again. They are still hard at their labor, yet the Ship sails on and the Ship will sail on under the guidance of the Captain whose master hand is never quiet. Unmindful of the storms without and the desertions from within, our Statesman President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt who knows every pulse beat of his enemies and every heartbeat of his friends, fearlessly, not defiantly, righteously and with wisdom, directs the course and the Ship sails on.

Listening always to the voices of the people, not to the bosses, he takes up his daily task of reconstruction, never lagging, never discouraged though his enemies revile and persecute. We see him stand as he has always stood, a *leader* for those who seek his leadership; and 'tho the storm rages and the waves dash high and the Ship rocks until FEAR overwhelms and in anxiety the people seek again the master hand to once again take control of the Ship that all may be saved.

Hold high the Banner of Peace and let not the Flag of our Nation be trailed in the dust. Let not the pages of our history carry the record that our Nation fell the prey of an unscrupulous press—a press manned by injustice—a press which stooped to the besmirching of a President of The United States of America, a man who stood in defiance of their villainy for equality and for all the things that make men noble and a credit to their nation—a man who sought and fought under persecution through two Presidential terms to gain and establish *equality* and *Justice* and to put this Nation back on the principles of its original inception—a free and independent nation with equal rights for all who sought to do right—who sought to obey the law of rightness to their fellowmen and to their Country.

Our President—elected by the people two consecutive terms will again be triumphant through acclamation of the people who represent this independent government known as the United States of America—and he will finish his task of emancipation of the slaves of industry, just as truly as his predecessor, the only other humanitarian President Statesman Abraham Lincoln who through his greatness freed other slaves. We hear the *shouts* of the victorious and we hear the *whimper* of the vanquished. The fishermen who sought to scuttle the Ship forgot to mend their nets and when they drew them in they were empty.

The bells shall once more ring out the pealing notes of Freedom and Equality for the citizens of this great democracy—THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Success Belongs to All True Occult Students

By J. S. OLDER

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OCCULT SCIENCE is a study as precise, as certain, as practical, and as useful as is the multiplication table.

Before the student advances very far in the study, he instinctively realizes that he is dealing with the Creative Law, the Principle of Existence, the Law of Compensation, the Law of Action and Reaction, the Law of Mind, Body, Spirit and Soul.

Occult science places at the command of the student a power little realized by the unenlightened man. He soon recognizes that through compliance with the Law of Supply he can attract to himself whatever he most desires.

This "Law of Supply" is comparatively simple.

It is not even a secret law. It is in fact being used by each and every individual who is successful above the average, even though the individual himself may not know of the existence of such a law.

When man places all of his faith in the Law of Supply, it is absolutely impossible for him to continue in poverty, want and sickness.

Faith, as here implied, is something more than blind faith. It is a faith of absolute knowledge, a faith so certain, so unfailing, so all-powerful, that the individual is willing to take definite action, to go out and work for what he desires, knowing full well that his efforts will be rewarded by ultimate success.

"God helps those who help themselves." This is a definite law. Man can only achieve by making a determined effort. Man must try, and keep on trying, again and again if necessary, if he desires to be successful above the average.

How can man make use of the "Law of Supply" in achieving financial success, or accomplish some other desire?

First of all, man must know what he truly desires. Most of the failures in the world are such because they never knew what they really desired. Today they may be highly enthusiastic and go to work in real earnest to accomplish a definite task. Next week or next month their desire is switched to something else. So it goes. The desire of the individual is constantly changed, and so long as this condition exists success is not possible.

To achieve success in any undertaking, man must first decide what it is that he really wants. He must consider his desire from every angle to make certain that it is something worth-while, something on which he can concentrate his mind and effort for a considerable period of time, and that he desires its success sufficiently to be willing to forego the ordinary pleasures of life until he has accomplished his objective.

This is a form of concentration. Many occult students believe that they know a great deal about concentration, when as a matter of fact, they are entirely unacquainted with the real meaning of the term.

Ask almost anyone to concentrate on a definite thought and what happens?

The individual puts his chin into his hands, he makes all sorts of facial contortions, and he tries to create the impression that he is concentrating on the subject assigned.

This is nothing but tommy-rot. It can accomplish nothing.

Concentration is something totally different.

Concentration is not a physical effort and requires no contortions of the face, hands or body.

Concentration in its true aspect is entirely mental. It is not the effort of a few minutes or a few hours, but of weeks, months, and even years.

True concentration consists in mentally taking hold of a desire and holding that desire constantly in mind until the objective has been accomplished.

In other words, the individual must know what it is that he desires. He must then recognize the Law of Supply. He must realize that the law requires that he keep his desire constantly in the foreground of his mind, while at the same time making every physical effort, working late at night if necessary, devoting all his waking hours, and even being willing to half starve himself in order to accomplish his desires.

Any man who uses the Law of Supply on this basis cannot help but be successful.

He must realize however that the law is exacting. He must have enough backbone and stick-to-it-ness to continue in his efforts regardless of what the outward appearance may be. In his own mind he must be absolutely certain in the knowledge that what he desires is right and proper for him. He must be willing to meet and surmount every difficulty. He must fight for his desires, and if necessary, achieve his objective by sheer force, without however doing anything which might in the least hurt someone else.

There is absolutely nothing which man can imagine as necessary for his comfort, well-being, or happiness, which the Father, (the law), will withhold from those who truly desire.

"Ask and ye shall receive. Seek and ye shall find. Knock and it shall be opened unto you."

These are laws. They are occult and spiritual laws. These laws demand action on the part of the individual. In each instance the student is implored to do something about his desires. There is no intimation here of anyone being able to achieve a desire by simply concentrating the thought on that desire. The man who is unwilling to work is not deserving of success and is held in contempt by both God and man.

"Serve ye one another" is one of the greatest of all success laws. It suggests action, as does every other law which in the least promises success of a desire.

Considered from another angle you have the law: "As ye sow, so shall ye reap." This means that your outward condition in life, (your harvest), will be according to the seeds you have sown, (the thoughts you have concentrated on).

Man serves both body and spirit.

The body requires food and shelter, for without bodily health success is impossible except in rare instances where the desire is so all-powerful that even such a handicap is overcome.

The Spirit requires kind and loving deeds as well as positive, uplifting thoughts of accomplishment and success.

Man also serves the Spirit when he does deeds of kindness, even though it be only a loving thought expressed to a friend.

Quite often man helps his fellow man through suggestions, advice, encouragement, in helping him to do better work, or in aiding him to finish an assigned task.

In this instance the individual so helped reaps what was sown by another. The individual who did the helping did the sowing, while another reaped the harvest.

The law of "help ye one another" has many ramifications, and as there is a just God, so every action is rewarded in kind. The man who helps others without immediate benefit to himself, is simply laying up stores for the future. He is depositing money into the spiritual bank, and when at some future time he is in need, someone else will repay him in kind.

No good deed ever goes unrewarded. It may seem that for a time the man doing such a deed is performing a thankless task, but the time will come, perhaps years in the future, when the deed will be recognized and fully rewarded, even though the individual himself may have forgotten all about it.

Man thinks and man becomes.

Nothing else is possible. It is the law. And it requires an awful lot of negative thoughts to make man a failure in life.

The law is ever ready to help those who help themselves, (think and act

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Was Man Born To Live Hundreds of Years

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IS IT POSSIBLE to turn back the hands on the clock of time? Can health be regained and youth restored? Can we prolong our span of life twenty or thirty years? Many have, doubtless, asked themselves these questions and wondered what the answer might be. I am glad that I can answer these questions in the affirmative, because these very things have been taking place in my own body as well as in the bodies of many other people.

The purpose of this science is to show us that there is a higher, happier and more beautiful life awaiting us; and when it has made us desire it, proceeds to teach us how to attain it right here and now. It shows that the masterpiece of creation (man) was created with the potentiality to live hundreds of years in a state of continuous health and happiness, instead of living just a few years in a state of disease and suffering, as is the case today.

THE LAW OF LONGEVITY

There is a law governing the life span of every living being from the lowest to the highest. According to this law, every creature lives or should live from six to ten times longer than it takes him to reach maturity. As a rule, the more complex an animal is the longer his life span. Man is the most complex animal. Therefore, he is the most perfect and the best adapted anatomically and physiologically to survive longer than any other creature. Moreover, there are other animals whose life spans exceed this law of six or ten and live fifteen or twenty times longer than it takes them to reach maturity. Some of these are the eagle, that lives three hundred years; the raven that lives four hundred years; the alligator, that lives from four to six hundred years and the whale, that lives over fifteen hundred years.

MAN'S POSSIBLE LONGEVITY

Returning to the human being, we see that he does not mature until the age of twenty-five or thirty, since not until that age does the bony structure of the body reach full development. Thus, supposing that the time which it takes the human being to mature is twenty-five years, then six times twenty-five makes one hundred and fifty, which is the span of life that man should live. But if we apply the law of ten which corresponds to the human being by right of superior organization, then man should live from two hundred to three hundred years. This is the minimum period of time which man should live even in his present state of degeneration. If he dies when he should be in the prime of life, it is because he has violated the law of his being as we shall see.

Man was not only created to live hundreds of years in a state of perduring health and youth, but he did live hundreds of years in the past and shall be able to live hundreds of years in the future when he learns and applies to his body the conditions upon which these so desirable things are possible. Furthermore, even in the present generation, by applying the discovered knowledge, man can regain and retain his health and youth and prolong the span of life up to or beyond one hundred years.

The science of Psycho-Physiopathy presents proofs, religious, philosophical and scientific, which will convince those who are really seeking after truth, that man did live hundreds of years back in the hoary past, and that to regain health and youth, all we have to do today is to supply the conditions which made health, youth and long life possible in ancient times. But *before we can act, we must have the thought or the idea which is the moving force.* Therefore, applying this logic to the question of man's longevity we see that before man can regenerate and rejuvenate his body and live hundreds of years he must have the moving thought—the idea that convinces him that man is potentially immortal and has in his body the potentiality of perfect health, perpetual youth and everlasting life—and the thought that these so desirable things are possible of realization. But in order that man may have the conviction of the possibility of those things he must have proof that these things are possible of attainment. Therefore, as much as it is possible in the limited space of this article, it will be my endeavor to give religious, philosophical, as well as scientific proofs to convince you that the body of man has the power to live in a state of continuous health and unfailing youth for hundreds of years. Only when you have been convinced by this evidence shall you be able and willing to put in practice the knowledge that will convert these beautiful potentialities into present realities. Finally, this science will convince you, (1) that it is possible, (2) that the discomfort of putting it in practice entails much less suffering than you would have if you did not put it in practice, and (3) that you will be richly compensated in a higher degree of health, happiness and longer life if you do put it in practice.

SCRIPTURAL ACCOUNTS OF LONGEVITY OF ANCIENT MAN

If, while investigating as to what should be the natural span of life of man we refer to the Bible (where we find so much wisdom of past civilizations) we learn that there were men who lived more than nine hundred years.

In the book of Genesis we see that the age of man was from 800 to almost 1,000 years until the time of the Flood, when the span of life began to decrease and has continued to decrease until the present time, when the average span of life of the human being is only 35 to 40 years.

In Genesis, Chapter 5, we see that Adam lived 930 years. Seth, his son, lived 807 years and begot Enos at the age of 105 years. Enos begot Cainan at the age of 90 and lived 815 years. So the account continues until we come to Jared, who not until the age of 162 did he beget his son Enoch and died at the ripe old age of 962 years. Then comes old man Methuselah, who did not beget his first son, Lamech, until the age of 168 and lived 969 years. Lamech was the father of Noah with whom the periods of long life end. Noah did not beget his sons Shem, Ham and Japheth until he was 500 years old and died at the age of 950. You should pay particular attention to the important fact that before the Flood man did not reach maturity until he was ninety or one hundred years old, since not until that age did they beget children.

Applying the law of ten to them, we see that their spans of life were naturally from 800 to 1,000 years, in conformity to the Law of Longevity.

HISTORY OF DEGENERATION

After the Flood, a new history of degeneration begins. If you read the book of Genesis, you will find that after the Flood they began to reach maturity earlier and earlier until, eight generations after Noah, we come to Nahor who reached maturity at an extremely early age. He begot his son Terah at the age of 29 and died at the age of 148 years.

Perhaps many of you do not believe that before the Flood, people lived so many years longer than we live now. Perhaps you have been told that in ancient times man used to count the years as we do now count the seasons, thus dividing our year in four. To prove to you that the years of the Patriarchs consisted of the same number of days as our years, the following explanation will suffice: Let us suppose that the years of that period consisted of only one-fourth of our years; in that case, Adam would have lived only 235½ years instead of 930. Noah would have lived only 272½ years instead of 950. Shem would have lived only 150 years and he would have begotten his son Arphaxad at the age of 25. Arphaxad would have lived only 109 years and begotten his son

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Tertia Motus

By Ferdinand Kondring

"Wake again, Teutonic Father ages,
Speak again beloved primeval creeds;
Flash ancestral spirit from your pages,
Wake the greedy age to noble deeds."

Job: God is so excellent as we know Him not.

THE SACRED NUMBER SEVEN, THE SOUL

THE seven units of time i.e. the second, minute, hour, day, week, month and year represent the moving "wheels" of man's physical and spiritual evolution, from a chronological point of view. Of course this mortal measurement, that is, each unit of time or wheel has again within itself a three-fold inner movement, namely that of the centrifugal-lunar, the centripetual-solar, and the precessional force. The acceleration or rather the intensity of interplay of these three forces within the unit of time determines the "speed" of evolution of each unit be it conscious or unconscious. If for instance in the human realm of endeavor a man distinguishes himself through high vibrations i.e. intensified magnetic activity, we speak of an advanced mind and body, alert, well knitted, a fine character, in short a gentleman. In the realms below us we call such an intensified evolution:—well bred, a carefully prepared pedigree, a highly cultured product, etc., etc.

Now as every unit, be it ever so infinitesimally small, has its own specific time of coming forth; excluding any cyclic coincident with any other unit, (if this was not so this or that soul could not become finally the supreme ruler of its own unlimited Universe within the myriad of others.) This so, the following evolutionary progression establishes the fact, that for instance two men of seeming equal temperament and age, living together through the 24 hours of the day, both will establish an evolutionary advancement each unique in itself. In other words, the evolutionary advancement achieved during the 24 hours of the day by one man may require 72 hours for the other man to arrive at the same or a very similar point of advancement. The reason for this "discrepancy" or rather unique pace of advancement is due to the individual atomic structure of the vehicle.

There are Seven Sons of Fohat and Seven electrical planes upon which the Seven keys find the unlocked psychic crystal. Hence he who can turn all seven keys upon all seven planes knows the mystery of all electrical structures of all units. Fohat is the essence of cosmic electricity. Again Fohat is the universal propelling vital force, (animae vitae), the force within which substance a sevenfold division of the psychic crystal takes place. Hence it is at once the propeller and the resultant. The division of the psychic crystal or turning of the seven keys in each of these seven centers or planes is done within the realm of the subconscious mind, until man gains unto the "straight knowledge" i.e. of how to divide the psychic crystal through a conscious effort and thus becomes the "self-realizing onlooker" of God's mighty handiwork. As soon as man enters this realm his greatest of battle has been victoriously finished and he thus becomes a leader in the great Universal war i.e. Armageddon.

The seven planes are also represented by the Edomite Kings, (usually regarded as a deeply concealed mystery to be found in the allegory of the "Seven Kings of Edom,) who "reigned in the land of Edom before there reigned any King over the children of "Israel" (Gen. XXXV-31). We read also in the Kabbala that "this Kingdom was one of unbalanced forces necessarily of unstable character." In plain words the Seven Kings represent the Seven powers in Nature mirrored in the Seven Centers or planes of the lower man. Therefore the racial body of Israel in general and the individual body of each child of Israel lacked the leading Soul that would have gained unto the knowledge of conscious crystal division (Emanuel). And finally when this became a conscious fact the children of Israel became automatically the "chosen people." Israel means: "Striving with Fire, with God, the Creative Urge," the creative cosmic ray emanating out of the crystal division. Israel or Asar i.e. the Sun-God, signifies the handling of the creative fire in tune with the Infinite. "The Sun rising upon Jacob-Israel means the Sun-God Israel (or Isarel) "striving with" and likewise to "stir up" the creative urge in Materia Lucida. This then is "Straight Knowledge," it is crystal division and that again is the Divine Will at work; it is Involution and Evolution in fact creative activity in its sublimest aspect. Through this Straight Knowledge we become the conscious onlooker, nay co-worker with the Divine Maker.

The psychic crystal or Prima Materia its womb consists of Materia Lucida or Fire element and represents the fourth dimension which then is not an abode until Materia Lucida or the Fire element starts "a-crackling" and thus automatically through its "crackling" or division of the psychic crystal i.e. Materia Lucida or fire element opens the realms of the fifth dimension the abode of Christ Consciousness.

Jacob-Israel means: the mind that has gained unto the "Straight-Knowledge" of how to divide this crystal. Thus he ranks with Kronos, Prometheus, Orpheus, and others.

He was the favorite of his Mother; the latter represents here the refined emotions.

Jacob is presented as a "plain man living in tents" which means: He used to live a clean simple or "plain" life that he might be able to open with the help of "Straight Knowledge" his seven centers, (Edomite Kingdoms or Chakras) i.e. tents, while Esau was "a cunning hunter, a man of the field." All people who monger in the lower realm are cunning especially when they are acquainted with the field i.e. the lower psychic realm. He (Esau) won the affection of his father (lower mind) by lying words. Through his hypocritical machinations he played the good, a hymn singing son. When coming forth "red all over like an hairy garment" was called "Esau" i.e. Edom, manipulater or "King" of the lower psychic realm opposing the supreme command of Israel i.e. the crystal dividing higher mind or Ego. The hairy garment of Esau represents the aroused blood (red) "frying" in the "bristling" (hair) heat of lower gratification.

It must be understood that the whole story from Abraham down to Jesus represents the drama of the struggling soul in man. Hence Isaac is the concrete every day mind the common man who starts to wonder what it is all about. His wife Rachel represent the emotional part while Esau represents the selfish self gratifying personality and Jacob the unselfish striving individuality. Again from point of analogy: Esau is the theif dying on the cross, (cerebro-opinal) polarity while Jacob is dying on the cross, (sympathetic) polarity both are wrong but Jacob pleads (higher emotions) while Esau remains stubborn (lower emotions). The former will enter Paradise while the latter goes into oblivion according to the all-knowing Higher Ego that is triumphant on the middle cross, the para-sympathetic polarity. Isaac and Rachel appear here as the little mind—its daily, but of little emotional activity. But this little emoional activity plus the little mind was wise enough to support Jacob in his struggle for lordship. He was therefore in his full right to have goatskins put upon his hands and neck which means: The hands represent Gemini, i.e. either higher or lower emotions. The neck represents Taurus i.e. creative force well directed or otherwise; the goatskins represent Capricorn, the goat the knees. The knees are the centers that hold within their magnetic field the line of demarcation as to who shall spend the inspirational forces of Gemini, Esau or Jacob? and who also shall spend the creative forces of Taurus the Bull or before what God are these knees going to be bent, the real One or the Moloch? Around the knees lies the deciding point, further up and above them appears Sagittarius the crafty archer who always hits the Bull's eye. As we see Jacob won, for he brought his father two "young and pure goats" (two young goats or a pure mental and

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Ignite Us With Thy Fire

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"WHEN the sun does not enter, the physician enters," says an old proverb. The sun is a positive power or force in Nature—the outward expression of the ever concealed manifestation of that All-Comprehending, All-Pervading and Unlimited Source that gives sustenance to the universe and to ourselves—from which all proceeds and to which all must return. As a direct life-feeder, the sun kindles all inanimate growth into being, and abundantly provides a large percentage of the vital essence which builds up and perpetuates all vegetable and animal life. While the lowest species of organic life, such as fungi, are capable of development in darkness, the higher plants, such as the fruit of the tree, gather in the deeply penetrating rays of the sun for the processes of assimilating the elements of soil and atmosphere.

All the phenomena of Nature are regulated by the sun, both in relationship to other planets and the local relationship of the earth here. The winds, tides, ocean currents, succession of day and night, evaporation and distribution of moisture, and all the variations of climate are produced and controlled by the sun. Sunlight is the great purifier, the desroyer of germs in air, water and earth. Its salutary power dissipates and decomposes noxious vapors which accumulate in dark and low places. All forms of heat, light, fire, electricity and motion are but varying forms of sun energy. Whence comes the coal we find buried in the earth; it is the remains of the forests which other generations of men beheld and admired.

Light whirls through space with a velocity of about 186,000 miles a second. Color is a property of light, just as pitch is a property of sound. Sunlight forms a continuous spectrum—an unbroken array of colors from red to violet, made up of radiations of different wave-lengths, varying in intensity, frequency or rate of vibration. That is why when a fruit or vegetable loses its color, it loses its efficacy. Each color coincides with certain elements in the human body and has its own purpose in the physical, mental and emotional aspects of man.

According to color authorities, the red ray is warming and stimulating; it is a liver energizer and has the power to increase the action of the heart and the flow of the urine. Specialists in color therapy also advise that red is helpful in conditions such as anemia and tuberculosis, which demand an increase of red blood corpuscles, and it exerts a beneficial effect in impotency and sterility. The yellow ray is accredited with contributing a stimulating and healing effect upon the nerves. There is no doubt that Nature provides vast fields of green because this color is the most favorable in effect upon humanity. Green is a germicide, undeniably providing the prophylactic virtues for which the sun is renowed. The chlorine need is supplied with green. Color specialists recommend the blue ray for its soothing and quieting effect upon the nerves, while violet is alleged to exercise a tranquilizing effect, acting as a contra-irritant superior to sedatives and irritating plasters. Violet and ultra-violet are acknowledged in color therapy as strong in antiseptic powers. The calcium need is suppied with the orange ray in color therapy; the combination of yellow, red and orange is asserted to be helpful in its influence on the brain.

All the colors of the rainbow and their intermediate shades are representative of the familiar visible part of the spectrum, with radiations of longer wave-lengths than those of the ultra-violet rays. Yet the visible colored rays of the spectrum have been the stepchild of therapeutics. This is presumably because, while the whole solar spectrum has been acknowledged as having healing properties, in rickets the limiting determining factor is the ultra-violet light. Singular it is indeed to observe that such an important part of the animal economy as bone formation and other factors in calcium and phosphorus metabolism should be dependent upon such a small section of the sun's light. The invisible ultra-violet rays are at the other end of the spectrum, of shorter wave-lengths, sometimes called chemical or actinic rays. Radiations of long wave-lengths, as occur in the visible colored spectrum, are valueless in curing rickets, the shorter ones only exerting their beneficient influence.

Fat-Soluble "Sunshine" Vitamin D, too, adequately provided prevents rickets, poor development of the teeth and faulty metabolism of calcium in the body. While Vitamin D or ultra-violet light can help the organism to utilize advantageously the available calcium and phosphorus (indispensable minerals in bone formation), it cannot replace an actual deficiency. When stores of Vitamin D are exhausted in the organism, no normal calcification can be evoked by irradiation. Light can neither create or be substituted for the vitamin; it appears only to act as an economizer or activator when it is already present. This resulted in the practice of conferring anti-rachitic (rickets-preventing) potency on food materials by irradiating them with ultra-violet light, demonstrating that at least potentially anti-rachitic properties in foods can be activated by irrdiation to an important degree. The anti-rachitic potency of whole milk and egg yolk was increased from 15 to 20 fold by irradiation.

Apparently the Sunshine Vitamin D is not abundantly furnished in most food materials. Fish oils, egg yolk, butterfat and whole milk are the best natural sources; green leafy foods contain it in minute quantities. Most unrefined foods contain to a greater or less degree the vitamin precursor which can be rendered anti-rachitic by exposure to light rays. Diets predominating in denatured cereals and lacking in Vitamin D, are especially conducive to rickets.

A total exclusion of sunlight induces the severer forms of anemic diseases, as well as leukemia, a sickness characterized by a great increase in the number of white blood corpuscles. In pregnancy and lactation both for the mother and for the offspring, human or animal, the sunshine Vitamin D exerts its beneficient influence on bone formation, blood calcium and phosphorous, along with calcium and phosphorous metabolism in general.. It is splendid as a preventative of colds, as well as an agent destructive of bacteria in the blood cells. The healing of fractures has been hastened by taking foods abounding in Vitamin D, by irradiation and by direct sunlight. Teeth affected with caries have been found to be decidedly improved by giving irradiated ergosterol. Enthusiasm for Vitamin D concentrates must, however, be tempered with caution, since, like many other potent drugs, large doses may be distinctly dangerous; and possible harm might come to children. But it also must be emphasized that all of the doses that have proven fatal to experimental animals have been at least ten thousand times as large as the minimum protective amount administered to children in the prevention and cure of rickets.

The sun defies the efforts of the most expert cook to improve on her incomparable handiwork. Nature's most wholesome foods need hardly any artificial preparation, for in the ripening of the fruit and nut of the tree, the sun has taken the place of the cook and produced morsels of exquisite flavor and wholesomeness, most agreeable to the unperverted taste and meeting every demand of the body. It is the sugar content of fruits, which is really transformed solar light and electricity, that makes them an invaluable source of energy. Under the continuous influence of the sun's rays, carbonic acid unites with water and forms various kinds of carbohydrates, attaining in the easily soluble organic fruit sugars their highest form of chemical synthesis. In fruits, therefore, we find the highest manifestation of electro-vital energy harmonious to cell vibration of all foods.

What the sun is doing in a gigantic wholesale way, the crowning light of each individual mind—one of its sunbeams—illuminated by the radiance of divine soul and spirit is achieving in a lesser degree. Let each of us by opening our hearts and minds to nobler virtues add force to it, and thus help swell its resplendent energy. Light is knowl-

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Darkness and the

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FOR a long time the physical phenomena of the Spiritualists have been the target of the heaviest artillery of the orthodox critics. In their sublime ignorance, these critics ineffectually attempted to dispose of such manifestations by loudly shouting fraud. When that position became untenable through the work of scientific research societies, they fell back upon the ancient worn-out claims that such manifestations were the works of the Devil—their man-made Devil.

In their frantic efforts to prove their contention these critics have recklessly quoted passages from the Bible, unknowing perhaps, or at least unmindful of the fact that their own orthodox religions were primarily based upon the so-called "miracles," which in reality were only manifestations of the same spirit power that produced the phenomena of the Spiritualists.

Another stock argument is that the physical phenomena must necessarily be evil and of fraudulent nature, else they would be demonstrated in bright sunlight. It would be equally sensible to demand that the photographer develop his plates or films in the bright sunlight instead of by the feeble beam of red light, by the aid of which such remarkable results are obtained, or that all films or plates be examined in brilliant sunlight before development or exposure. It is perhaps apropos to call attention at this point to the fact that many of he finest demonstrations of physical phenomena, such as materializazation, have been obtained with bright sunlight streaming through the windows, or, at other times in rooms well lighted by artificial light.

Those ill-informed persons who make such stupid demands are woefully ignorant of the real nature of manifestations of this type. They overlook the fact that they themselves were carried for nine months in darkness before becoming manifest in the light of day, and that seeds are buried in the ground in darkness before they germinate and come up into the bright sunlight.

The critics with their standardized orthodox trend of thought are frequently shocked when shown that by far the greater proportion of the physical manifestations of spirit power, erroneously termed "miracles" in the King James Version, are therein recorded as having taken place under cover of darkness. Let it be remembered that ancient manifestations were as likely to come in the night season as do similar manifestations today. And why not? The darkness of night is the most quiet and by far the most favorable time for the occult forces to demonstrate. Daylight is disintegrating. This is definitely proven by the fact that many things are put in containers of tin or colored glass in order to preserve the contents from deterioration from exposure to daylight.

Inasmuch as our critics have greatly relied upon their Bible, and ours, for their ammunition we also will see what proofs, if any, may be found in that same treasure-house.

Let us now turn to the Sacred Scriptures for the confirmation. Gen. 1:2 states: " . . . darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." Gen. 19:1 says: " . . . there came two angels to Sodom at even." Not only did they remain all night at Lot's invitation, but " . . . they did eat." In Gen. 26:24 we are told, " . . . the Lord appeared unto him (Isaac) the same night": not in the bright sunlight. In Gen. 28:11-16 there is found a description of Jacob's wonderful vision of " . . . a ladder set up on earth, and the top of it reached Heaven," and with " . . . the angels of God ascending and descending on it." This was a *night* vision and Jacob was there ALONE; there were no witnesses. At least there were none mentioned in the record.

We must not forget that it was during the night time that this Jacob wrestled with a man—a materialized man. Does not Gen. 32:24-26 tell us? "And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh." This latter sentence is highly enlightening as it clearly shows that under the disintegrating effect of approaching daylight, this spirit man was weakening, and as the light grew stronger and brighter he would be compelled to disintegrate or de-materialize.

Gen. 46:2 says, " . . . God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night," while Num. 22:20 records that " . . . God came unto Balaam at night."

That Yahweh, or "the Lord," preferred darkness as cover for his work is conclusively shown by the following passages: In Ex. 12:12 this god Yahweh promises Moses and Aaron that he would " . . . pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast." We then are told (Ex. 12:29) that " . . . it came to pass that at midnight the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt . . . ," while in the 42nd verse we read, "It is a night to be much observed unto the Lord for bringing them out from the land of Egypt . . ." Here we have Biblical proof that the Israelites were brought out of the land of Egypt *in the night time*.

The description found in Ex. 14:21 tells of the opening of a passage through the Red Sea for the children of Israel, also under cover of the *darkness of night*. For then " . . . the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong wind *all that night* . . . " while from Ex. 14:24, 25 we learn that the Lord " . . . took off their chariot wheels . . . " *that same night*.

In Jud. 6:37-40 is preserved the story of Gideon's famous experiment with his fleece. In order to test the power of his "Lord" Gideon put out the fleece with the requirement that the dew be on it and not on the ground. Not entirely satisfied with the result of his own experiment Gideon wasted more valuable time in order that his curiosity might be satisfied. This time he demanded that the fleece be dry and the dew be on the ground. Gideon seems to have been much more easily convinced than most of the so-called followers of the Lord today, for this time he followed the instructions of his spirit guide or "Lord." This experiment resulted in a fine physical manifestation of spirit power.

In the sixteenth chapter of Exodus we find the story of the appearance of the manna *during the night time,* or at least the twenty-first verse tells us " . . . they gathered it every morning."

From Jud. 16:3 we learn that " . . . Samson lay still till midnight, and arose at midnight and took the door of the gate of the city and the two posts and went away with them, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders and carried them up to the top of an hill that is before Hebron." This is another very fine physical demonstration of spirit power *at night*. Now, after Samson's hair was cut, " . . . the Lord was departed from him," and he could do nothing—his mediumship left him. In this particular case long hair was an especial requirement of his "Lord" or spirit guide for the retention of his mediumistic ability.

Again we read (2 Kin. 19:35) where " . . . it came to pass that night, that the angel of the Lord went out and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses." Thus, according to the Sacred Bible records, this great massacre took place *under cover of the darkness of night.*

The record in Deut. 5:22 shows that "These words the Lord spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness." Solomon said: "The Lord hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness"—2 Chron. 6:1. See also Gen. 31:24.40:5. Ex. 20:21. Jud. 7:9. 1 Sam. 3:3-15. 1 Kin. 3:5.8:12. 2 Chron. 1:7.7:12. Job 4:13-16.35:10. Psa. 17:3.97:3. Dan. 7:2, 7, 13.

Job 33:14-16 says, "For God speaketh, once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it

Biblical Miracles

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not. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; Then he openeth the ears of men and sealeth their instruction." From the foregoing one can clearly see that even "the Lord" himself, was exceedingly partial towards manifesting "thick darkness" or at night. Many solve their problems of life in business, engineering, design, and all other questions, by asking the help of the spirit world before dropping off to sleep, and then find the correct solution when they awake in the morning. This knowledge is quite common and widely disseminated.

A Biblical illustration of the above statement is to be found in Dan. 2:19, for there it is written, "Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of Heaven." It will be noticed that when Daniel had been given the answer he immediately thanked the Creator: just as he should have done. People of many pretensions generally are exceedingly remiss in giving thanks to the Higher Powers of the Spirit World for the many blessings they receive and thereby, by the operation of the Law of Supply, close the door for their further supply.

Here we wish to call the attention of the reader to the action of The Master who always thanked The Father for everything, thus setting a good evample for all of us. If HE found it necessary or desirable to be thankful in spirit, why is it not much more necessary for all of us?

Returning again to the subject of darkness, we read (Matt. 14:25) that " . . . in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea"; a demonstration of the action of the law of levitation; a physical manifestation. It is also written (John 20:1) that "The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre." Then we read (John 20:14) that " . . . when she had thus said, she turned herself back and saw Jesus standing and knew not that it was Jesus." Here we learn that Mary Magdalene saw that the stone had been taken away and that Jesus was standing there, " . . . when it was yet dark." We find further (John 20:19) where " . . . the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst . . . " It is plain that this materialization of Jesus took place *after darkness had fallen,* or "at evening."

In the fifth chapter of Acts we find the story of the apostles being put "in the common prison." Then we are told that " . . . the angel of the Lord *by night* opened the prison doors, and brought them forth . . . " This was another physical demonstration of spirit power produced under cover of darkness (Acts 5:19).

The very interesting story of Peter's prison experiences is to be found in Acts 12:5-16, where we read: "Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee and follow me. And he went out and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth into the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me . . . " What could possibly be more like modern Spiritualism than the above description? Let us analyze the above briefly, in order to bring a few points to the attention of the reader.

First, "Prayer was made without ceasing"; Second, Peter was "bound with two chains" and was "sleeping between two soldiers"; Third, the angel came with a light—*a spirit light;* Fourth, Peter's "chains fell off from his hands"; Fifth, Peter "thought he saw a vision; Sixth, " . . . the iron gate that leadeth into the city; which opened to them of his own accord"; Seventh, "When Peter was come to himself," which merely means that Peter came out of the trance in which he had been taken during the occurrence of the above mentioned incidents. Mediums are most generally under trance cntrol during the manifestation of physical phenomena; Eighth, *ALL these things occurred during the night time.*

Once again we are told (Acts 16:9) " . . . a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us." This man was a spirit man and he also came in the *night time.* There is another description of a physical demonstration of spirit power (Acts 16:25, 26) which took place when Paul and Silas were in prison. For " . . . at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's hands were loosed." We wish to direct attention to several details worthy of note. First, the manifestations occurred *at midnight;* Second, " . . . the foundations of the prison were shaken"; Third, this was done while Paul and Silas were singing praises "unto God"; Fourth, " . . . all the doors were opened and every one's hands were loosed." These things were accomplished by the very same spirit power that lifts pianos, rocks tables, and causes raps to be heard during this present day and age. In the case of similar physical manifestations they are usually, BUT NOT ALWAYS, produced in a darkened room, just as in the cases mentioned above. See also 1 Sam. 5:3, 4. Mark 6:48. John 6:7-20. Acts 18:9.27:23, et al.

It is generally conceded that the Orthodox religions of today are primarily based upon the works of the prophets, and upon the so-called "miracles," or spiritual manifestations—correctly termed "signs" and "wonders" in the Revised and other Versions—recorded in the Bible. Were these to be removed nothing of the foundations of the great present day theological structure would remain.

From the passages herein before cited, the reader will plainly see that the Sacred Scriptures clearly and conclusively show the physical manifestations of Biblical times occurred chiefly during the night time; just as they do today. That this statement is not open to successful contradiction is self-evident. Physical phenomena takes place in strict accordance with the natural laws which govern such phenomena as well as our Universe. These laws have not changed with the passing of the ages; nor have the temperatures at which water boils or freezes been altered since long before the time of the mythical Adam. The Biblical records show that other spiritual manifestations took place principally under cover of darkness. Therefore those critics who are steeped in the claims of other religions are not in a position to find fault with those Spiritualistic phenomena which occur in darkness.

Those who are so prone to criticise others are referred to Gen. 19:1, which informs us that 1900 B. C., " . . . two angels came to Sodom at even." While Matt. 14:25, tells us that 1900 years later, " . . . in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea." For such things HE was reviled, ridiculed, rejected, criticised, condemned, and finally crucified. Today after more than 1900 additional years have rolled by, those who are gifted with the God-given power to produce similar manifestations of spirit power are ridiculed

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What Is Life?

By G. J. St. Wald

HAVING just noted in this evening's newspaper before me an editorial on "What is Life?" I also recalled having read another on the same subject in THE OCCULT DIGEST some months ago by its fearless, kind and progressive editor. Whereupon the question came to my mind also as to just how would I myself answer this same often-asked question at this time.

This same old question, to begin with seems in its literal sense more or less indefinite, lacking as much in point of view as would the question of "What is spirit?" "What is death?" or "What is endless space?" While most people might give intelligent answers, probably no two would answer them in the same way, and, incomplete as they might be, all answers however might nevertheless be sincere interpretations of the individual life of the one interpreting them. For all that we can know through the medium of our five physical senses is but a fraction of a fraction of the greater reality of Life in which we live, move and have our present existence as personalities on this earth plane.

Since the beginning of time men have tried to define and explain life but always more or less from their own personal point of view Some have tried to explain too much; some too little; many have been too theoetical, while others too theological and dogmatic. One very learned professor has, for instance, defined life as being "a series of definite changes," and so it remains of course for others to explain or interpret just what that may mean.

But this thought and question as to what is life comes to every man or woman at sometime. To some it comes in early life; to others not until late, perhaps not until just before the unexpected time of death.

"Who am I?" "Why am I here?" and "Whither is my destiny?" If you know the answer to just one you will know the answer to every other question. Then you may also be at peace knowing that those whom *you* can help or assist will be attracted to you in the right way and at the right time for the future good of all.

Then you too should know that no man (or woman) has ever been able to explain all that Life really is from his or her own personal or materialistic standpoint only. We have been told since the time of the allegorical weakness of Adam down through the ages to the time of Shakespeare, who too has told us in the world's most eloquent language that, men do not understand or know themselves.

Now since men do not know themselves, how can they tell us "What is Life?" Take for instance the world of men (and women) who have become chronic alcoholic and drug addicts, and those who continue to commit all kinds of crimes and violations against man and nature. The greatest mystery, however, is their own confession when they tell us that they have always known that the doing of such things was wrong and in

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Power

By Ethel Adams Ratliff

EVERY object and every individual in existence, as we all know, is, to a degree, charged with electricity. We are all aware of this in spite of the fact that it is not always apparent. In perfect analogy, every object and every individual in existence is charged with power; even a stone has the power of resistence and endurance.

Consider the great Central Source of Life as Power—which it is if it is anything at all—and it is readily seen that it would be impossible for a single item of creation, from the infinitesimal to the infinite, to exist for the fraction of a second except as a manifestation of some degree of this Power. This being true of all created things and beings, man, the highest visible form of creation must possess this power to the greatest degree.

Let us analyze this statement and see how much of truth there may be in it. Just how much power does man have, here and now?

First, there is his power to BE. Before he can manifest in any way or on any plane he must first exist. Shall we then say that this is the first phase of the creative power in man—power to BE?

The second phase of power in man is his power to THINK. In this three-fold aspect—I see, I realize, I know—we find, perhaps, the most vital phase of man's power. For here lies the force which gives direction to the life of the individual. And here, too, is the field in which man's fundamental Freedom of Choice has its greatest influence. Consciously or unconsciously, man chooses his every thought and it is this choice which leads naturally and inevitably to the third phase of power—the power to DO.

Here we have the three aspects of the great creative power in man: BEING, THINKING, DOING.

The first is unique in this: that man, while he can choose WHAT he shall be, can never never choose TO BE or NOT TO BE. He has freedom of choice to be honest or dishonest, loyal or disloyal, constructive and true or destructive and untrue, but never can he choose between being or not being. He may even change the sphere or plane of being on which he functions and makes himself manifest, but never, under any circumstances, can he think or do anything that will reduce him to a state of non-being.

MAN IS! This is a basic fact of the universe, and neither you nor I nor anyone else can change that fact. The destruction of the physical body can only change the medium through which the individual manifests himself, but not in one iota can it change BEING into NON-BEING, and the sooner mankind in general awakens to this truth, the more intelligently will life be lived and the more wisely will problems concerning the criminal and the insane be solved

As before stated, it is in the second phase—the power to think—that man's inherent Freedom of Choice holds full sway. Here, through our daily and hourly choice of the quality of our thoughts, is the grand fact of BEING transmuted into the effectiveness of ACTION.

Each of these three phases is equally necessary to the other two. Only an inconceivably intelligent First Cause could have produced such a perfect creation. Here, indeed, is material for the making of gods.

Being—ISNESS—which can never be abrogated. I AM!

Thinking, which, through Freedom of Choice, lies entirely within our own control. I THINK!

Doing—putting our forces of being and thinking to work on the physical plane—bringing them out into visible manifestation I DO!

Being, thinking, doing. Power indeed! Is there any conceivable power which is greater than that of this marvelous creature we call Man? Each individual is a unit of power. having, potentially, the same capacity for growth, development, and expression as every other.

So, when we think of man, let us not think of a being who is at the mercy of every breath of circumstance, but rather let us think of Power—of a Unit of Being possessing the greatest Power of all created Beings, who, because of what he is, will eventually bring forth into manifestation "a New Heaven and a New Earth."

Your Faith is Measured by Your Desire

By Dortch Campbell

IF YOU were told that you always get what you desire, down deep in your heart you would not believe it. "How can that be?" you might say. "I have wished and wished." But it is not wishes that gives wings to faith. Only desire, down deep in your heart, is dynamic.

You consent within you to what happens to you. Knowing only the thoughts that come and go in the conscious mind you doubt that this is true; sometimes you resent criticism of others that you alone are responsible for what happens in your life. "How can I cause these things?" you cry in anguish.

But let me give proof that this is so; that the causes are always within and never without. Let me strengthen your faith. It is glorious to know that we are captains of our fate and masters of our soul; it is inspiring to know that we need not be fate-bound. Let me show that faith is measured by what we desire *deep within us* and not by the wishes of the surface mind. Let me offer proof through the strange case of Kuda Bux.

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Kuda Bux was a Kasmir oriental, about 30 years old. He performed a miracle under the critical eyes of scientists in London in 1935. Bare of foot, he walked trenches of fire, and was untouched!

The University of London Council of Physical Research reported this miracle. For it was nothing short of a miracle. It was a demonstration of the wonderful powers possessed by man. The skin of this man's feet, which were not thick or calloused but thin and soft, showed no

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"If A Man Die"

By Gladys K. Hoisington

SO THIS was the end; here in this cramped death chamber with its burnished steel walls, like the inside of a huge capsule. The kid moaned aloud in his agony and terror. "God in Heaven, how came I here?"

Dimly, as through a mist of years, the judge's voice rang in his memory—"Murder and robbery, while armed . . . Death . . . June sixth . . . "

It couldn't be true, it COULDN'T! For the Kid had never harmed a man in all the twenty years of his life. He had only thumbed a ride that night. How could he know that the man who stopped his car and called "Hop in, kid" was Lefty Murphy, wanted in a dozen states?

They had driven a score of miles when Lefty pulled up before a roadside stand. "I'm all out of cigarettes, kid. I'll only be a minute."

The Kid looked idly about. He saw neither Lefty's drawn gun nor the terrified face of the station attendant. He only stared sleepily at the rising moon. The still peace of the night was shattered by a sudden deafening explosion. Startled, the Kid turned swiftly and was instantly conscious of his situation: Lefty was leaping into the car, "Step on that starter, kid! Get going!" Behind them sounded the wail of a siren. A passing motor patrol car had heard the shot and had seen Lefty's flying figure.

No one believed the kid. Hadn't he been caught red-handed in the driver's seat of the murder car?

In vain Lefty himself swore on the stand that the Kid was innocent; that the holdup was unpremeditated. That he, Lefty, had been tempted by the loneliness of the station and its one attendant. The "twelve good men and true" had looked their unbelief. Just one crook defending another.

Then, for the Kid, there had been month after month of endless steel bars and stone corridors, with the ever growing horror of death before him.

He could NOT die! All the strength of his youth rebelled. Yet that strength waned from day to day, until the Kid could see a look of pity even in the eyes of his callous guards.

The Kid was a country boy. In those brief intervals when the terror of his approaching doom lost its hold upon him, he longed unspeakably for a sight of the fields and woods. For hours on end he contemplated in memory the crimson roses that sprawled in careless beauty over the walls of the old home.

The warden had visited him, spotless and dapper, with a rose in his buttonhole. The Kid could not keep his eyes from it, and, when the warden arose to depart, the Kid had timidly begged for the rose.

"I'm sorry, Kid," there was real regret in the warden's voice, "I just can't do it. God knows, I'd like to let you have it, But once I did give one to a fellow, and he tried to slash his wrists with the thorns, he nearly cheated us!"

On this last day his guard had attempted rough consolation, "You'll never know what hit you, Kid. This new gas method is sure swell, not a bit like—"

The Kid had shrunk back, every tortured nerve quivering in an uncontrollable anguish of fear.

And now . . . The Kid choked, gasped and clawed at his throat for a single breath, then breathed easily again. He had closed his eyes, tho' he knew he would not see the gas.

Unaccountably, the death chamber was full of the odor of roses. Amazement conquered the terror in his brain. No one had even hinted that lethal gas was perfumed. That guard had been wrong. It was not working very fast.

The Kid opened his eyes; a swirling white mist hid the steel walls. Must be his sight was dimmning, everything looked so misty. Once more he closed his eyes; stronger and sweeter the scent of roses floated about him. He could have sworn he felt rose petals brushing against his cheek! Should he try to take one last look about the room? Slowly, he opened his eyes again, the roses seemed real, why, he was lying under a great crimson bush of them! The ruby tinted petals drifted lazily down upon him. The Kid stared at them in growing wonder. He had heard of the hallucinations of the dying, doubtless this was one of them. Well, he might as well enjoy it while it lasted!

He rose to his feet with a curious sense of rest and refreshment. He found himself standing in the middle of a wide pathway that wound among the roses to a strip of green woodland. Between the trunks of the trees his delighted eyes caught a glimpse of blue water, sparkling in the sunshine.

No one seemed to be about, yet the silence was not oppressive. The notes of singing birds came softly from the trees.

The Kid lifted his face to the sun. Almost he could feel the prison pallor leaving his cheeks. He strolled slowly into the woodland and threw himself down among the ferns; their cool sweetness rose about him and mingled with the drifting scent of the roses. Idly he watched the lights and shadows between the tall trees.

"Strange that it should seem so real," he whispered. A girlish figure in white was approaching along the path that he had followed. His eyes took pleasure in her youth and slender grace. When had he seen that face, those gently smiling eyes? Not lately, not since that far off day when he had been a little tad, less than ten years old. Pleadingly, he held out his hands, "Mother, Mother, you came to me! It's like being in Heaven!"

A gleam of mirth mingled with the tenderness in the sweet face that bent above him.

"And where, my son," she questioned, "Had you supposed you were?"

The Poet

The Other Horseman

By Lois Rose Taaffe

Moon-shadowed rise the city's domes
Along whose streets pale CHAOS roams
An alien born, of handsome face,
Upon a mount which can outrace
Our swiftest peace-time steeds. He sings
A jargon of sweet power, and flings
It where the Idle sit and long
And wait for some Utopian song.
His eyes are veiled by a look of dreams,
But his breath is foul as the sewer streams,
And his heart is a sucking vacuum where
No pity hides or the trace of a tear.
He stoops to pet the mongrel bitch
Of Discontent beside a ditch
Or ask the health of old man Greed
And the brood of swine he can always feed.
His horse will roam a nearby trench
While he tastes the lips of the Traitor's wench,
Thus taking his love in the tenement tombs,
And sowing his seed in fertile wombs
To give his future children breath,
War and Pestilence, Famine and Death.

Shadowless Light

By Paul Jans

How much longer shall it take us to discern:
Were we clothed within a true transcendent light,
These nasty things which tower—
And irk and weigh us down might not return:
But be dissolved by the violet consuming flame—
And have no power.

Fantasy

By Fannie M. Grinnell

I modeled you in glowing clay,
Last night the image broke;
It crumbled into ochre dust
And then my heart awoke.

Awoke to find you standing
Within its alcove blue
As lovely and as fragile
As the day I modeled you.

I lit a crimson candle
Behind the window pane,
A flaming symbol of my love
To call you back again.

The Skeptic

Dr. Ernst J. Arfken

Into the magic crystal glass
The skeptic peers, but sees no trace
Of things the Master said would pass;
He only sees his doubting face
Reflected in the silvery ball,
And knowing not his own mistake
He has the impudence to call
This ancient occult science a fake.

Belief

By Dr. Julia Seton

"The Heavens show the majesty of God"
The Bards who sang of holy things have said.
But do they turn to pity when the sod
Is green above the faces of our dead?
Glares not the sun relentlessly down
Upon the pathway where our feet must cling?
There is no hush in city, street or town,
In spite of all the ancient Bards may sing.

But is it wise to doubt, or blindly mar
The faith that points us to a gleaming star?

Just A Dream

By Hazel V. Hollman

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I wake with puzzled memory of your unkind mirth, Old Age,
Your rude and heartless chortle that scorned my worth, Old Age.
Self-confident you laughed as you led me to the door,
And bade me cease the struggle to stage a come-back any more.
I heard your ultimatum in a patient, stupid daze,
Docile, smitten mute, by the suggestion in your phrase—
Too old to work . . .
What a dream!

But waking, Reason questions: By what power can you
Deter me from my chosen work, a start anew?
Your pallid face, rheumatic step, your bent and feeble frame,
What power have they? What strength superior to the flame
Of Talent, Will, Desire? 'T was odd I should obey—
Should bend my head so meekly when I heard you say:
Too old to work.
What a dream!

What a dream! And yet a truth seems hidden, which,
Had I the wit to fathom, endlessly enrich
My life. Your seventy years were twice the sum of mine,
Yet you were sovereign and I a slave within confine
Of your strange whim. If then, Old Age brings power, why fear?
Let Wisdom add to my capacity year by year.
Too old to work?
—That's just a dream!

But if Old Age be useless, it's logic you can't claim
The power to set at naught my bid for immortal fame.
I want the truth. Unmask—and show me who you are!
Ah! I see you now. By the light of my guiding star!
You're but a phantom fear, for *spirit* does not age
So long as *mind* controls the body of a sage.
Too old to work?
—That's just a foolish dream!

I suspected that sapient humor deep sunken in your eye
Meant something. You were secretly amused that I,
Without a moment's pause gave credence to your word
And in your false assumption of authority concurred.
That was a bluff you pulled, and I was a foolish child
To fall an easy victim to a threat so weak and mild.
Too old to work?
—That's just a foolish dream!

Inspiration lies pulsing through a fathomless, endless sea.
I've but to bathe in the mystic wave to know its potency.
Attuned with Cosmic forces, my body's the tool I guide
In creating things of beauty, in spreading truth worldwide.
Old Age, get back to your proper place, I can no longer wait.
I must set to work with a will, at once. I'm master of my fate.
Too old to work?
—We're never too old to create!

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Star Wish

By Irene Stanley

Let it be to the friendly dog star
That I go from life's madness and din,
When I slip under sunset's last bar
Let it be to the friendly dog star,
With a plain little gate set ajar
For Trixie to follow me in.
Let it be to the friendly dog star
That I go from life's madness and din!

Rays of Golden Force

By Charlotte G. Frietsch Gunter

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I am what I wish to be!
Who can say me nay?
As the sun shines on all alike,
So shines each one's inner sun
Sending forth a ray—
Which will some hidden darkness strike,
Where weakened seeds lie buried—
Heedless of their sacred worth;
Which needs but one ray to rouse them;
To send them on their destined course,
Thus each one may sponsor birth
Of TRUTH; RAYS OF GOLDEN FORCE.

Opportunity

By Sarah Mizelle Morgan

Today is mine to live,
To profit from the truth of yesterday;
To keep unstained its page.

Night Journey

By Fred J. Moorehouse

In the tenderest of starlight,
You will find the light you seek.
Not a ray must there be stronger
Than the glance that you will meet.
Why a look so soft and tender?
Why a glance so sweet and low?
Moon and starlight oft surrender
Brighter, deeper glow.
But the tender light I speak of
You can never really know
Till your feet have trod the dark way,
Dark way where the planets glow.
If within the shadows round you
You may meet a friend or foe,
Fear not, for these phantom shadows
Are but after-glow
Of the bright ones who will meet you
As you farther go.

Ode to Silence

By Laurette Cecile Orr

Dear, lovely Silence,
That wraps the soul around,
Angel of boundless peace,
Born of unshapen Sound . . . .
Dear, lovely Silence,
Womb of all stillborn love,
Bear my song on your wings
That it be heard above!

Dear, lovely Silence,
That fills the longing heart,
Choir of unsung songs,
Mother of unborn art . . . .
Dear, lovely Silence,
Dark vacuum of tone,
Enveloped in your spell
I sing no more alone!

Dear, lovely Silence,
Dark sea without a shore,
Where storms and winds subside,
And chaos is no more . . . .
Dear, lovely Silence,
Where purple poppies nod,
The foolish call thee Death,
Not knowing Thou art God!

The Heavens Reveal

By Allie Hazard-Moore

When first the Vernal Equinox makes quick with life,
This tiny dot we call the earth,
And to the real New Year gives vernal birth,
Make me a couch where I may turn my face—
(When the Sun-illumined curtain of the day
Shall melting into twilight fade away)
Toward the spinning suns of endless space,
Let neither roof nor tent—no twig or vine,
Hide from mine eyes this sight divine.

The heavens declare the glory of a living God,
The firmament his handiwork reveals.
To every living soul in mute appeals,
As we behold "A temple never made with hands"
(God's garden, filled with lamps on high,
To light the mystic flowers of the sky.)
How can we disobey His just commands!
Turn, turn your eyes above in silent prayer,
The Story of Eternity is written there.

Alone beneath the glittering stars—yet not alone,
The friendly stars that silent brood
Grant to no one friendless solitude.
The whirling planets with their firm control,
(From Jupiter to little Mercury or Mars
In the endless playground of the stars.)
Of earth and sea are but a written scroll.
They seek to tell each mortal or immortal need.
Lift, lift your earth-bound eyes to them and read.

The shimmering gossamer of that silvery zone, the Milky Way,
Ere guides me to the One I love the best;
First lingering on Orion in the west,
Surrounded by his gleaming, guarding hexagon,
(Betelgeuze, Castor, Pollux and Aldebaran
Sweet Reigel and Capella—all I scan)
From Imperial Sirius down to Procyon.
In Cancer now the Beehive faintly gleams
Twixt Gemini and Leo near Hyrra's beams.

But soon unto the East I turn my longing eyes,
Where immemorial Virgo, immaculate, serene,
A virgin pure sends down her cloistered sheen.
I see her diamond, Spica flashing in her hand.
(Ten Thousand times more brilliant than our sun,
Coming nearer, ever nearer since the world begun.)
The emblem of my inner soul's command,
Unsullied as the Virgin thou art sung,
By every people and in every tongue.

I nightly bless kind Fate that with the breath of life,
The blazing sun sent into Virgo's soulful sign,
That I might gain her gifts divine;
A sense of justice, and the alchemy of Love"
(The grace to seek—the hidden truth to find—
To carry light, the Soul of Things—to those still blind).
To discriminate twixt dross of earth and truth above.
There are "Many mansions" Father, in Thy house above,
I thank Thee for mine own—the house of *love*.

Should I Have Told Him?

By Bert Slater

IN the November (1937) issue of THE OCCULT DIGEST there was published an article entitled "My Third Trip Into Eternity," a true account of an experience that befell me while exploring some old cliff dwellings in north-eastern Arizona. In this article I told of visiting an old acquaintance at his home in the spirit world.

While on this trip and at the home of my friend I met a spirit man from the higher planes. This man was far advanced in knowledge of nature's laws; a very interesting talker and very friendly. I asked him if it would be possible for me to revisit the spirit world at any time I so wished. He answered in the affirmative, then told me just what I should do to effect a projection of the Astral.

Soon after the November issue of THE OCCULT DIGEST came out I received a letter from a man living in the east. He wished to know what it was the spirit man had told me as he was deeply interested in Spiritualism and wanted to visit the spirit world if possible. I answered his letter tellng him just what the spirit had told me.

A month went by; another letter came from the man in the east. In it he stated that he had tried what I had told him to do and had succeeded in almost freeing himself from his physical body. He had become frightened, however, just as he was about to pass out; this had caused him to fail. But, he stated, he was going to try again.

Several weeks went by. I had almost forgotten about this man when another letter came. But this second letter was not from the man, but from his sister. This lady stated her brother had died, in his bed, and from no apparent physical cause. He had been in good health and was not a very old man. She had gone to his door a few mornings before writing to me, thinking her brother must have overslept as it was well past his usual time to get up. She had called to him but on receiving no answer had opened his door to find him dead in his bed. The doctor had pronounced his death to have been from heart failure. Yes, of course his heart had failed, it always does when the spirit has left the body for good. It was not his heart, however, that had caused this man's passing but of course the sister as well as the doctor did not know this, neither did I, until later.

Nearly a year had passed since I had received the news of that man's passing. then one day there came a letter from a lady living in California. She claimed

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The Great Adventure

By Lenore Oakleigh

WHAT AROUSES the most curiosity; the greatest fear; is the most discussed and the least understood of all topics or conditions? Death. Of course. Why? Because it is not visible to the five senses of average man. In other words, he cannot see it, taste it, feel it, hear it nor smell it. (I refer to it here as an activity not a corpse.) This lack of knowledge concerning death by the vast majority of people makes it, consequently, a mystery—and mystery of any kind is always fascinating, if a trifle repugnant, at times!

However, if we but cast the light rays of Reason on death, we will find that it is *not* a dark mystery; *not* something to be dreaded and feared—nor something to uselessly court when in the throes of adversity. Death is merely the natural functioning of the law of Cause and Effect, of evolution and change. Death is but another expression of Nature in operation: the dying down and springing up again of new life. Nature is the greatest outer world proof of Death *as* Life. In fact, it should really be in the Spring of the year that we should study death, for Spring symbolizes birth and birth and death are synonymous.

For instance: in the mineral realm we note that the disintegration of rock forms soil. A new form for the rock; a new beginning. Now this same (rock) soil provides a bed for the birth of a member of another kingdom which, in turn season after season, springs anew from the fertility of its own decomposition. Death, evolution, change, which is birth.

With the animal kingdom, which includes man, we learn that with the discarding of the physical body a birth in a more subtle form takes place on another plane of existence. As with the approach of winter the tree sheds its leaves, apparently dying to outer vision —only to sprout forth again redressed and retrimmed with the surging power of spring, so death, to the animal as well as man, is a blossoming again. In the animal it is a beginning planted in the soil of past experiences; in man, in the soil of past mistakes. For man, that period during which he experiences death—as we speak of it, is a period in which he has his opportunity to repair. To withdraw into a state we might term "active rest"—during which time like the tree, he builds fresh Life materials preparatory to his coming forth again in the "spring" or, to more clearly state it—his next birth. The simile of Winter and Death refers only to physical dormancy.

This is the answer—the only possible answer to the question of death, since it follows nature's cyclic rhythm.

But, for the answer to death and *rebirth*—I do not ask you to take my word alone. There is the Bible, that document which seems at the present day to be the one and only meeting ground of Western culture; Observe this passage in the book of Zephaniah (3:20) "At that time I will bring you again, even at the time that I gather you—." Again, in the Bhagavad Gita, bible of the Eastern world, is written: "I would tell thee, O Prince, of that time of Death in which men, passing out, shall never return; and of that time of Death in which they, passing out, shall again return to earth. He who departeth in the Light returneth not to this plane of pain. But he who departeth in the darkness, returneth he to mortal rebirth again and again, until he findeth the Light."

What is there, then, to offer in the face of nature—the Bible, the Bhagavad Gita, and if we wish to go still further, man himself?

Like all other kingdoms, with the spring of the year man "springs" forth again into new life and vitality. As an unconscious symbol of an inner rebirth we see him bursting out on Easter morning in new attire, not realizing perhaps, that a part of his old self died with the passing year.

Another example of growth, decay and birth in man, that is, during his physical span is the manner in which he "arises" from each sorrow. With sorrow a change takes place within us; a part of us dies—only to emerge again as another quality—and daily we plant the new seeds which are to blossom from yesterday's errors. Today's failure gives birth to tomorrow's determination.

Should we not here consider death itself—as an experience? Why not? Surely the great cycle of change, renewal and decay doesn't just *end* "beyond the grave"? Should it? Those who *see* and know tell us that Life is endless; that activity is eternal; that what we call reality here on earth is but the shadow of the real reality *after* death; that effect here, is only the result of a cause set in action from the unseen side of life; that Life itself *is* because it has its source in death!

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My Murdered Friend Returns

By Millicent Bradley

CONTACTING spirit manifestations is far from new to me. I usually mention this fact so you will know I am not imaginary or easily frightened but it is rather disconcerting to suddenly find yourself face to face with a dear friend who had been killed by her husband.

I was looking over their furnished apartment which was again for rent after the affair had died down in the minds of the people, thinking it would be a nice place for another friend of mine, when this form appeared before me.

Perhaps I had better take you with me on a trip through the flat; we will begin at the front door which I unlocked with a key I had secured from the owner and stepping into the front room I looked it over, examining the furniture there and then passed on into the bedroom, looking into closets, wardrobes and dresser drawers and from there I stepped through a small dark hall and on out into the kitchen where I took note of the furnishings there. At last I reached the kitchen door which I opened and looking at the ground I found myself wondering just about where did Mrs. Salles fall and I even looked about for blood stains but found none. I closed the door and started back toward the front of the house, pausing in the narrow hall to look into the bathroom, the door of which stood ajar but the blind had been drawn and all I could make out was the outline of the fixtures; then I turned my head to look out into the kitchen again and as I was turning back with the thought in mind to move on through the hall and out of the house, imagine my shock to see standing against the door casing, my murdered friend as I had known her in life, dressed in a black dress with a white collar on it and within a half foot of me, looking me straight in the face with a steady gaze as though trying to convey to me the thought that all was well with her and that all was forgiven. After standing there for a few seconds she faded away and I walked on thinking it all over as I replaced things and quietly walked out.

I was under the impression all this time that Mrs. Salles was just outside of the kitchen door when she was shot and knew no different until after relating my experience to my husband and a lady friend, she informed me that the murder was committed just as she stepped out of the bathroom into the hall and that I had been standing on the exact spot where she had fallen and that I was actually standing on her life's blood as the hall runner had not been removed and the blood was still on it.

My friend was a lovely soul and a great believer in psychic phenomena. This was indeed a very impressive experience of spirit return and convincing in itself that our loved ones can and do return after so-called Death.

The Seven Openings In The Head

By Jacob Goldwasser

THE MOUTH, the nostrils, the eyes and the ears have seven openings leading to the head. Each opening must be carefully guarded and the substances that enter must be of the finest.

How to strengthen all these avenues of intake is hereby briefly revealed. The strengthening methods to be enumerated are indulged in by the real Yogis, who have blonde or red hair robes to their feet with the long type chinese nails. Focus your attention on our last exercise which really combines all the other methods into a complete state of vital consciousness. This will be explained more in detail towards the end where we indicate the things occurring in the Upside Down Man. Important data has been gathered by the writer about the real Yogis who are more than 1,500 years old.

The breathing must become awakened and function more fully. There must exist the even and rhythmic breath to the full. Close one nostril with your hand and breathe slowly with the open nostril to the count of twelve. Exhale slowly. Repeat and then change to the other nostril.

Another effective exercise to develop the dynamic breath is a reversal of the above method. Close one nostril and exhale slowly with the open nostril to the count of twelve. Expel every drop of air. The intake of the air in the exercise will come automatically just as the outgoing air is expelled automatically in the first exercise. Repeat and then change to the other nostril.

We next foster our attention on the eyes. If you will practice diligently the exercise we are going to reveal over a long period you will develop in time a most penetrating gaze. Focus your eyes directly on the tip of your nose. Keep this fixed gaze for about ten minutes to commence with and increase as time goes on.

The above exercise is indulged in religiously by the real Yogis. Their gaze is most penetrating and they can read your thoughts. Their eyes also sparkle in the dark of the night.

We next come to the ears. Put your thumbs into your ears to shut off all the sound. Close your eyes to shut off all the light. You will then be able to concentrate better on the "inner man" or "spark of life." Listen, listen, listen closely to the "life" that is keeping you alive. When you practice this exercise it will cause you to become attuned with the "inner man" and also sharpen your hearing.

We next come to the mouth. Various syllables pronounced slowly and fully will produce a modulated tone to the voice. The syllables to be enumerated also carry within them a vibratory force which may cause if properly pronounced, an exhilarated condition, so to speak. Three syllables designated below are beneficial. Shape your mouth as if you were going to whistle. Carry the syllables with the breath.

OHMN . . . DING . . . DONG.

The last exercise will in due time restore the higher consciousness. It is an extremely beneficial exercise for epileptics and for those who are subject to fits and fainting spells. It is also a fine exercise to indulge in immediately when awakened by night loses. Those who perform this exercise or the exercise known as the "wrestler's bridge" when the night loses occur will succeed to some extent in re-absorbing the vital rejuvenating essence.

Lie down on a bed near a wall. Place your feet on the wall as high up as possible until the entire body rests completely on the upper back and the neck. Normal people should be able to hold this position for about fifteen minutes to begin with. It is a fine exercise. It causes a greater flow of blood to the head and a greater consciousness. It is indulged in by the real Vogis with great benefit. Now let us analyze this Upside Down Man.

What has been said about the Force of Gravitation pulling man down to the earth may require a little clarifying.

Very heavy objects rise in the air. The very heavy objects rise in the air by possessing a great deal of power. It is a problem as to the amount of power

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The Girl of Neither-Land

By Carrie Ezell

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CAREFULLY they unfolded the map-like parchment and read:

"Written by the hand of Deno—father of Nanette. To whom it may concern: If one, whom my child is able to influence from the Neither-Land, finds this document, it will explain and help with her release. Nanette, my child, who has been held prisoner so long in a place of no time, space, or dimension—because of a great love I held for her mother....

But I will go back a way....

We were happy, Nanette's mother and I—in a world that resents such happiness....

I had my studies. Delving ever deeper into the recesses of the occult world. My scope each day became broader embracing the wonders of telepathy, psychic forces, phenomena with all their relative phases.

Knowing always that close to these interesting influences lay a darker world. And recognizing this world to be a product of the power of *good* used wrongly. That was my discovery. That there is but *one* power, handled for evil or beneficient purposes.

It was at this time that we knew of Nanette's coming and waited expectantly. I had need of assistance in my work at this time, but knew of no one whom I could trust. Making cautious inquiry of my old friend, Judge Phelps, I was assured he knew the very man I needed. That was how I met Mefo.

He had no other name....but someway no other suited him. He had come from the black mountains of Hungary. A charming gentleman of beautiful old time courtesy....

And he could work. He seemed to never tire. Our lights burned many nights. We were delving deeper and deeper into realms of the forbidden....

Time passed and our little Nanette was with us. But all was not well with my wife, Madeline. Came the day when I knew it for a truth. She would not long be with me here on earth.

I could not bear it....I tried everything; was helpless. What good were my studies if they availed me nothing?

I watched her growing weaker. She tried to console me, "You have Nanette, our baby."

I despaired. Then a shadow seemed to deepen in the room. Mefo stood beside me. "The doctor, what does he say?"

I looked at him in surprise. Surely I was mistaken in the suppressed eagerness in his voice.

I replied, "He can do nothing. I promised him anything....it is no use, Mefo. No earthly help is to be had.... no Heavenly."

"You have tried?" Mefo questioned.

"Everything I know....fear stands in my way."

"Then you are helpless, indeed." His words rang out trumpet-like, "But I can help you, Deno."

The air in the room changed to a dank coldness. I shivered with the change. Shadows flit about. A nameless presence cowered in the stillness, a silent Horror. It rose, crept nearer. Near to Mefo, surrounded him. It *was* Mefo!

I groan within my soul. Now the explanation came to my senses of why I had been conscious, day by day, of gradual loss of the *Bright One*. Why, with the months of association with Mefo, he had gradually grown deaf to my pleas....

Mefo had been using my discoveries for *Evil*. Oh, why had I trusted him? Day by day I had been forging my own fetters. Unwittingly, relinquishing the Bright One. My domination over darkness had been withdrawn.

"There is not much time," Mefo's voice warned. "What do you say?"

A convulsion of distaste shook me, yet I asked, "What do you ask, Mefo? I know you have your price."

His answer surprised me. But I had missed the sardonic expression in his piercing eyes.

"Only the care of the child, Deno." Mefo then pointed to his watch. A silent reminder that time was precious. I bowed my head in permission. I could not let Madeline go....

Mefo bent lower over the bed. His look pierced the closed lids of the sleeping woman. Slowly the ceaseless movement of the sick was stilled. A calm and restful sleep claimed my wife. I could but rejoice.

In my gladness over the recovery, I forgot any danger I might have attracted. But the time went on and the child led a normal natural life. Mefo's devotion seemed natural enough. And no one, unless it was Mefo, was aware of a dark nameless Thing that bided its time.

It was when Nanette had just turned sixteen that something occured to awaken fear in me once more.

There was a boy who had gained her attention. Mefo saw them together. I have never seen such jealous rage. And suddenly her affection for the boy turned to revulsion. I began to guess....

Then, when she was a little past eighteen, Mefo came to me demanding his price be paid.

At first I could not comprehend. Then the horrible truth dawned upon me of what I had done. For Mefo was one who walked in darkness. He had come from the Neither-Land, a place of dreadful shadows and unseen demons. Where ghouls shrieked with hideous laughter and bestial things of fantastic shape gazed out through gray mistiness....

Mefo was of this world! He was granted a brief stay and on his return he would take Nanette back with him. There was no use in using my puny power against him. Through him I had lost all. I had given my word when I had yielded to the darker influences that would now be satisfied.

In our helplessness we watched our darling day by day gradually fade from our sight. At first only a slight dimness, as of failing eyesight. Then the blank spaces of absences and the dawning of fear in her clear eyes....

Now she had been gone some time. I have worked unceasingly and without *fear*. I have called repeatedly upon the Bright One. Once I have seen him. And this he told me.

"Nanette's one chance to escape lies within her other half or part of her soul residing within the body of a man of the outer world. If she is strong enough to reach him while there is yet time....

"There will be obstacles and if he fails her she must join Mefo who by occult law is forced to wait this last ordeal. But remember, time is not in the Neither-Land. Therefore it may be long before the impulses will reach the soul of one who can save her."

And so I, Deno, the once powerful, one exiled from those whom I once could command through the abstract senses, can only endure and wait the passing years....I who have bowed to the ghastly one. I, who grope in blackness...."

Here, the writing stopped abruptly. "Well, of all the—" breathed Allen.

While Justin, a look of ecstacy upon his face cried, "You see, Allen. I must not fail. She had called so long. I have always believed in reincarnation. Now I am positive. I am that boy she knew. The one her father, Deno, spoke of. How many times has she called to me, before.

Allen turned the document to the light and read. "This year 1505. Justin," his eyes begged for unbelief. "It couldn't be! 432 years!"

But Justin only repeated, "How long she must have called."

The room in which they talked had grown quite overshadowed. The fragrant odor of gardenias filled the air and then a glow of orange and from this light emerged Nanette.

She slowly advanced, hands outstretched. On she came toward Justin and now she smiled. The air was filled with rays of light that glowed about her ethereal presence. It was a beautiful picture. One that held both men spellbound.

Allen's face reflected both belief and credulity. All Justin's assertions were before him in concrete evidence, or was

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Field Victories

Rights of the Individual Under the Constitution of The United States of America

THIS page shall be dedicated to freedom of thought, freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of religion and freedom in the pursuit of happiness as guaranteed by the constitution of these United States. On it shall be exposed the persecution of racial, economic and religious minorities within the United States, especially the persecution of astrologers, psychics, mediums and teachers of more advanced spiritual philosophy, as revealed by newspaper clippings to be furnished by our readers. And on it shall be recorded the field victories in the fight against such persecutions, as also furnished by our readers.

For the purpose of this page, in which to keep our readers thus posted as to whom are friends and whom are foes, and to report on this struggle for individual rights, we ask that you send THE OCCULT DIGEST newspaper and magazine clippings, showing date and name of periodical so proper credit can be given, on which appears either favorable comment or attack, or the persecution of, astrologers, physics, mediums or teachers of advanced spiritual philosophy.

Permitting our eyes to be diverted from our own shores to the atrocities perpetrated abroad on racial and religious minorities, let us not be blinded to injustices in our own fair land nor imagine that if we are lacking in vigilance such liberties as astrologers, psychics, mediums and teachers of advanced spiritual philosophy now enjoy will be retained. In various quarters there is evidence of organized effort having as its aim, not merely the discrediting of advanced science and spiritual philosophy, but the ultimate denial of freedom of the press to those teaching such progressive ideals and laws which shall abridge the freedom of those who believe in communication with loved ones who have crossed the river of physical dissolution to the inner plane, and of those who believe that planetary energies influence human life, in the practice of their religion.

Although the close of 1938 witnessed a special organizing of Scholastic Dictators who hope entirely to discredit Astrology before the public, Astrology has scored its three most important victories in modern times.

As part and parcel of this organized attempt to discredit Astrology, Dr. Stokley—director of Fels Planetarium, who has corresponded about this matter with Dr. Farnsworth of the Department of Psychology at Leland Stanford University and his attack on Astrology earlier in the year; and with Dr. Hynek of the Perkins Observatory, Ohio Wesleyan University and Ohio State University, in reference to the paper the latter is preparing on, "A Critical Analysis of the Fallacy of Astrology"—permitted the lecture presented at the planetarium's demonstrations during the month of November, to be devoted to belittling and ridiculing Astrology. But in true Scholastic Dictator form, curtly refused all permission to the astrologers to present their side of the subject. The planetarium is located at Benjamin Franklin Parkway at Twentieth St., Philadelphia.

This, of course, was not a victory, but a part of the organized and prejudiced opposition which we must overcome by giving the public the true facts involved.

The great victories of Astrology during 1938, consisted of the establishment of a Standard by which Astrology is to be tested and judged, the establishment of a Minimum Standard of Astrological Practice, and a Minimum Requirement of Astrological Education to insure competency.

The Minimum Standard of Practice established gives the public to understand that, "I recognize that a precise astrological opinion cannot honestly be rendered with reference to the life of an individual unless it is based upon a horoscope cast for the year, month, day and time of day plus correct geographical location of the place of birth of that individual."

The Minimum Requirements of Astrological Education sets forth that a competent astrologer must be, "familiar with the standard method of chart erection, with the standard significance of planets, signs, houses and aspects, with the standard method of chart delineation, with the standard method of calculating progressed aspects and determining what may be expected from each, and when it may be expected."

This Minimum Requirements of Astrological Education also defines Standard Astrology in such precise terms that Scholastic Dictators no longer can disprove some crackpot system which the astrologers themselves have already disproved, and hold it up to the public as proof that Astrology is false. And out of 41 astrological organizations in the U.S., 34 already have signed, there is every reason to believe 4 more will sign, and 1 has not been heard from. As some signing organizations are very large, this means that more than 98% of all the professional astrologers and astrological students in the U.S. now recognize these standards. Thus we have a definite fortification to defend against attack.

In the psychic field, nearly all the newspapers carried accounts and pictures during November and December of Alice Bell Kirby. And while the stiletto of the Scholastic Dictators is plain in some accounts—as when in the New York Journal and American of November 18, Dr. Leland E. Hinsie, compares her work with the ancient Hindu Rope trick, under the headline, "Alice's 'Occult' Powers Called Mass Hysteria"—nevertheless the publicity given her mediumistic demonstrations is probably the most important field victory for psychic matters of the year. It drew the attention of the entire United States once more to psychic phenomena.

—*Elbert Benjamine.*

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Vest Pocket Astrology

By Haasan Osiris

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Astrological Nativity for those born in Pisces February 20 to March 21 any year

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CHARACTERISTICS: Confiding, loving, amiable, intuitive, industrious, sympathetic, prudent, discreet, very ambitious, methodical, honest, sincere, tactful, impressionistic, kind hearted, love to talk, lofty ideals, progressive spirit, determined, persistent, fond of change and travel.

OCCUPATIONS: Aptitude for nursing, editing, lecturing, oratory, writing, acting, hotel management, promoting, selling, representing, politics, teaching, mechanics, seamanship.

FRIENDSHIPS: Best friendly associations will be found among those born in Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio and Capricorn.

LOCATIONS: Best locations for more abundant health, happiness and contentment are in medium altitudes, near a large body of water or a wide river. The sub-tropical climates seem to invigorate most Pisces natives. Sleep downstairs.

HEALTH: The majority of the Pisces family are subject to persistent stomach disorders, headaches, toothaches, spinal column easily out of adjustment, cramps in abdomen, neuralgia, gout, corns, bunions, tender and aching feet. Obey your physician.

MARRIAGE: The marriage state for the Pisces born is filled with excitement, changes and unexpected events. If unhappiness occurs it is usually their own fault through improper foresight. More than one marriage is usually indicated.

EVENTS: In the first half of life there is much restlessness and a constant search for adventure. Difficulty in choosing a profession and a proper location to live, consequently many changes and some travel. The last half of life is given over more to service to others, family or humanity. Are destined to handle much money and in the later years can be fairly comfortable in a financial way. Often a marriage or a long journey is shown after the sixty-second year. A full and complete life indeed.

World Outlook, March, 1939

America:

Industrial progress is reported from various parts of the nation. Financial affairs are more encouraging. New laws recently passed will be put into operation. The stock market seems to be somewhat steady. Federal projects will be reorganized and some who were laid off from jobs will be taken back. Some freak storms create some damage. Heavy rainfalls.

England:

Very blustering weather hampers the farmers and delays some governmental plans for aid to agriculture. A wave of religious fervor sweeps over the nation. The shipping industry improves.

Central Europe:

The populace is tired of being kept at the boiling point and will demand some settlement of difficulties. Poland experiences opposition within its ranks. Political disputes break out in Czechoslovakia. Italy hastens military preparations.

South America:

Brazil enjoys some progressive international trading deals. Argentina experiences some temporary depression, many petty crimes of a local scope and general unrest. Peru prospers.

Central America:

A general impressive improvement of economic and governmental conditions in Mexico. More peaceful prosperity for the smaller Central American republics.

Oceania:

Sports contests bring renown and prominence to Australia. A stronger financial structure for this nation. New Zealand prospers under new foreign loans and trade agreements.

Far East:

Revolts in India and the Dutch East Indies. The Japanese public is tired of the war in China, hence: peace talks may come out. Storms in the Phillipines, Japan and North China area.

Outlook for the Zodiacal Signs, March, 1939

ARIES

March 21-April 19

Unsettled conditions mark your experiences. Plan nothing new. Attend to your health and avoid domestic inharmonies. Accidents, hurts and injuries can be prevented through care and caution.

TAURUS

April 20-May 20

The successful climax to some of your urgent efforts recently. A sort of beginning all over again in new and better lines. Some good news from a distance and possibly a short trip is shown.

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GEMINI

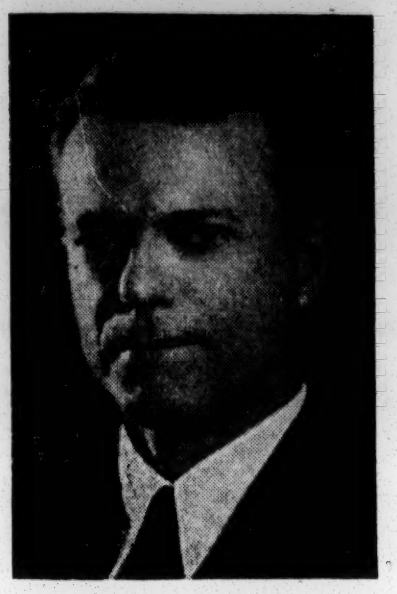
May 21-June 21

Let the bars down and go ahead. Nothing to stop you but yourself now. The month brings you opportunities to advance yourself in a social and business way. Successful changes come up suddenly.

The Two Keys of St. Peter

By Elbert Benjamine

President of The Church of Light.



Elbert Benjamine

CEPHEUS signifies a rock, and the constellation in the sky designated by this name pictures the King of Ethiopia on his throne, with one foot upon the immovable Pole Star, representing Truth. Both Sagittarius and Pisces are dual signs, and both through Jupiter, which is the ruler of one and the co-ruler of the other, have some significance in matters of religion. Joseph, whose "Bow abode in strength," represents Sagittarius, the duality of which is symbolized by his coat of many colors. It is this coat which Cepheus, or Pharoah, whom Joseph served so well in the land of Egypt, still holds in one of his hands.

Pisces, the decanates of which are pictured by the king, queen and princess of Ethiopia, is the sign of imprisonment, deceit and secret enemies. It belongs to the dark half of the year. Joseph, representing the sign of dreams and prophecy, Sagittarius, told his dreams to his brethren, and these, in true 12th house fashion—for it is through its natural rule of the 12th house of a birth-chart that Pisces signifies these things—conspired secretly to destroy him. They took from him his coat of many colors, with which to deceive his father and threw him into a pit, representing the sign Capricorn, lowest position of the Sun into which this luminary moves immediately after it leaves Sagittarius.

Sagittarius is the sign of long journeys, hence Joseph when removed from the pit was taken to a far land. Pisces, through the 12th house rules imprisonment and involuntary servitude; and not only was Joseph sold into slavery but due to the perfidity and deception of Potiphar's wife, while in Egypt he was thrown into prison. And even, while still in Egypt, desiring to bestow a favor upon his brethren he did it through deception. He concealed the money they had paid him in the sacks of grain sold to them and in addition concealed his cup in the sack of Benjamin, that he might have an excuse for detaining him.

The Pharoahs of Egypt were not only the rulers of this land of darkness but they also were the religious potentates, some of whom had undergone initiation. It was the common thing for them to consult with their high priests, even as Pharoah called upon Joseph to give him council, in all important matters based upon conditions which would arise in the future. The priests who thus advised the ruler were versed in both astrology and in such divination as gained Joseph renown.

Peter, of New Testament mention, is a name which, like Cepheus, means rock. And it was upon a rock that Peter was commanded to found his church. In the sky this is, of course, the rock of ages, otherwise known as the Pole Star, which changeth not; the symbol of eternal Truth. Cepheus thus not only represents Pharoah, but in a later story pictures Peter, whose foot, or understanding—and Pisces rules the feet—must rest on Truth; and who holds the keys to Hell and Heaven.

These keys, by which Understanding of the Truth may be gained, are not pictured in Peter's hand, but adorn the crown placed on his head. They are shown as seven little spheres representing the septenary of planets. They are placed on his head because the head is the region representing intellect; and it is the comprehension of the significance of these seven types of energy that opens the gate to an Understanding of Truth, which in turn permits entrance to the higher realms of being.

Peter, as shown in the sky, in addition to Joseph's coat of many colors which he grasps in one hand, also has an implement of power in the other. Understanding alone does not open the Heavenly gates. That undertanding must be applied in action. Therefore, he holds aloft a scepter, of a form symbolizing the virility and energy of the Sun, a symbol of the same import as the Common Gavel of Ancient Masonry.

Thus does this ruler of life and death, of the external world and the astral kingdoms which belong to the 12th house, indicate that he both knows the Truth and that he applies that knowledge in appropriate action. The scepter of power indicates creative energy under control, and directed as the ruler wills. The control of energy such as the scepter

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Your Faith is Measured

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signs after the ordeal of having been burned or injured in any way. Please bear in mind that Kuda Bux walked over red-hot coals which came in contact with his bare feet. Kuda Bux walked back and forth—back and forth— upon the trench of fire! He tread the live coals without haste. He was calm, serene; unmindful of the heat. *He walked a trench of fire, 96 feet in all, that was hot enough to melt steel.*

Physicians and scientists who afterwards examined his feet were amazed that his feet were not burned. Among those who witnessed the demonstration were scientists of the University of London Council of Physical Research, including Secretary Price of the Council; Dr. Pannet, surgeon of St. Mary's Hospital at London, laymen and newspaper reporters and editors.

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What amazing power enabled Kuda Bux to do this? Faith? Kuda Bux said: "It was not faith. I walk fire only when I *feel something* in me."

The feeling and the "something" gave wings to his faith. Desire is a feeling; Kuda Bux desired above all else to walk the trench of fire. That "something" that feeling brought out was *desire.*

Deep within us lies desire. It is the miracle-worker. It is that which has made civilization. It is the secret of genius. Psychologists at Stanford University examined thousands of documents to discover the motivating causes in the lives of several hundred men and women of genius. They discovered this one factor running through the lives of all:

"Their *desire* to excel amounted almost to a passion."

Desire is really the alpha and omega of soul powers. It is deeper than thought. Stop thinking so much about your problems; each worry is caused by thought. Stop the vicious circle and desire. Yearn for what you want; develop and cultivate your desire to solve your problems and find love and happiness. Do not struggle, for struggle is the cause of all problems, but desire and thereby draw the things you wish. Which of you by taing thought can add a cubit to your stature?

The world was created by the *spiritual desire* of God to bring the universe into existence. Jesus is very definite in emphasizing the power of this soul quality. Whatsoever you desire, ye shall have, he said. In the healing ministry of Jesus, there was a mystic union of the desire of the person to be healed and the desire of Jesus to heal. The Greek word translated "wilt" in the scriptural, "Lord, if you wilt," is translated "desire" in other verses of the Bible. So are other meaningful words of the scripture translated "desire" by modern investigators. Desire is the maker of faith. We need desire more than faith, for to believe is born of desire.

The Great Adventure

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For us who are all one in the brotherhood that march daily toward death, is it not wise to look upon it as a great adventure; as an opportunity for beginning again; as a privilege to learn work and experience in another sphere; as a place for preparing ourselves for the awesome—the tremendous task of coming again to Earth to make a better place of it, ourselves and our environment, than we did the last time?

Nor should we forget the great adventure of blending again with those nearest and dearest to us; the sweet reunion with those separated by time and incarnations. Beloved friends, family, perchance our little pets. We should look forward, too, to those structures built by our own thought and soul essences accumulated during earth-life. No. Death is not such a dread, fearsome thing, but truly, a great adventure.

So, as the caterpillar emerges into the lovely butterfly; the silk worm into the moth; let us fly forth when that time comes willingly, from this encasement, in:

A glistening form of Light
Invisible to earthly sight.

The Seven Openings

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object to rise. When that occurs it is power only and not weight. When the object sinks it is no more power but weight that has caused it to sink and in that condition the phase to consider is the mass or the weight.

To overcome the weight we must increase the power. To overcome the power we must increase the weight. When the power wanes in your body the excess weight will drive you down. By reversing your body in the upside down exercise you will cause the power to flow back into the upper centers. The greater restored power must overcome the weight. The UPSIDE DOWN MAN causes the blood to flow back to the brain, which is the seat of consciousness. Awaken the consciousness in the brain for the power to surge longer, to keep you vital and always rising.

The enumerated exercises are necessary. Most humans have such a low burning "spark of life" almost likened to inertia. It becomes imperative to awaken it. The exercises have been well planned for our constant battles against degeneration.

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Success Belongs—(*Continued from page 8*)

constructively.) Conversely, the law is equally ready to punish those who break this law and think negative thoughts which attract failure and disease.

The greatest of all causes of failure is the fact that the average man continually recalls the thoughts and rememberances of negative experiences and consequently attracts to himself more of the same kind of experiences.

This is plainly illustrated by a request of one of the disciples of Jesus. When instructed to do something constructively, he pleaded: "Lord, suffer me to first bury my father."

This simple phrase has a hidden meaning.

The thoughts of yesterday are the father of today's action.

The "Dead," as here implied, are the memories of past failures.

Every individual with a knowledge of occult science fully realizes that the past should be left alone and not be permitted to interfere with the present or the future. Man must always think ahead, plan ahead, expect success.

Man cannot undo that which is already done, so why worry about it. The past is dead. Let the dead be dead. Only through constructive thoughts and work can man make amends for unfortunate deeds of the past.

When man has sinned, (made a mistake), he must be ready to pay for his sins or mistakes. The mere fact that he is willing to do this gives him a power not present so long as his thoughts dwell on past mistakes, or so long as he tries to avoid paying for his own mistakes.

The man who continually thinks about past failures is blind to future possibilities. A negative mind can see only the negative. When the heart is evil, all things appear evil to the eye. All sickness and failure, no matter of what nature, is caused by disobedience to Natural Laws. Wrong thoughts, wrong desires, wrong habits, wrong food combinations, are responsible for all the sickness and failure in the world.

When man once becomes acquainted with occult or Divine Law, he recognizes his own responsibility for every thought, every word, every action, and even every particle of food and drink taken into the body. He realizes that the Law is just and exacting. It cannot be sidestepped. Every negative thought is a step toward failure. Every positive thought is a step toward success. Man achieves or fails in proportion to his dominating thoughts.

Unenlightened man b e l i e v e s his thoughts to be most secret, when as a matter of fact his facial expression, his status in life, his family, his home, his walk, the condition of his health, all are signboards for all the world to read, telling the most secret thoughts and desires of the individual.

"What man does in secret will be openly rewarded" is simply another way of saying that every sustained thought or desire has its counterpart in the outer condition of man.

Thoughts are not a matter of a few moments. They are continuous. They constantly repeat themselves until they are definitely stamped on the facial expression and outward condition of the individual.

This is proven by the fact that the average man works and thinks in a very narrow groove. Just consider yourself. You are a bundle of habits. You get up at the same time every morning. You eat more or less the same foods day after day. You put on the same sock first every morning. You walk on the same side of the street. You have favorite expressions. You do a thousand things in the same way day after day, and all without realizing that most of these habits have become so strongly entrenched in your nature that it is practically impossible to get away from them.

When you realize this condition and make an attempt to change these habits, you are immediately confronted with almost insurmountable obstacles. Your own selfish nature will not permit you to change these habits without a fierce battle. How many men are there who have sufficient will-power to at once discontinue the smoking of tobacco for a year. How many individuals are there who can get away from the negative traits of jealousy, hatred, or the carnal passions of man, not to mention the occult task of transmuting these negative habits into positive thoughts of love and good will to all mankind, and this includes those formerly recognized as enemies. Yet the occult student who desires to achieve mastership must accomplish not only these, but even more difficult tasks.

Mastership means absolute control over all thoughts as well as over all the carnal and undesirable passions of mankind.

Occult science offers both an outer and an inner study. The outer study, which is mental science, must necessarily preede the inner study, which is Soul science.

The baptism by water is mental science.

The baptism by fire is Soul science.

The awakening of the mind must necessarily take place before the Soul can be awakened. An awakened mind is necessary to make Soul consciousness possible.

The people everywhere must be prepared by the study of mental science before they can possibly cultivate Soul enlightenment.

St. John, who baptized with water, (mental science), prepared the way for Jesus, who taught Soul science.

Today there are mental science teachers everywhere. In every large city there are lecturers and teachers by the score, most of them capable of talking convincingly on Spiritual matters so far as the mind or mentality of man is concerned. By comparison, the teachers of Soul Science are few. They teach in secret. Soul science is the straight and

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The Two Keys St. Peter —(*Continued from page* 23)

represents indicates that scepter to be one symbol of the Tree of Life.

Joseph and Pharaoh are not only linked as types of Sagittarius and Pisces influences in the Old Testament; but in addition to the Keys which Peter holds the New Testament in Revelation mentions a Book of Seven Seals. Sagittarius, as natural ruler of the 9th house, the house of publishing, relates to books; and the seven seals are the impress which the seven planets make upon the Book of Nature. Yet this book, which rightfully belongs to Sagittarius and not to Pisces, when mentioned in Revelation is associated with the constellation Cepheus: "And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals."

Cepheus or Peter, pictures the Pisces-decanate of the sign which has rule over the astral plane and its denizens. Sagittarius is the sign of religion, seeing clearly and expressing benevolently. Pisces has a religious significance also; but it tends to rely on blind belief; for it is the sign of secret things and of self-undoing. It is because the denizens of the astral plane through the Pisces tendencies have been able to impress their ideas upon the human race, causing it to place Faith in those things which are to the advantage of these selfish astral entities that the race during the Piscean Age was so bound and fettered by its religious misconceptions.

To state the matter in another way, the unseen enemies of mankind belong to the 12th house, ruled over by Pisces. Elementals and earth-bound discarnate human beings are close to the vibratory level of the earth and are best able to contact it through the conditions represented by Pisces. Through the deception they are able to practice they can in some measure control the trend of human events, and themselves gain a satisfaction for their own desires. Obsession relates to this section of the zodiac, as do mystical manias and religious fanaticism; these being extreme expressions of the influence of such astral entities upon human life.

Pisces, however, is a dual sign; and in the higher expression of its attributes it founds its beliefs upon the very Rock of Truth. The astral plane holds entities which practice deception upon the people of the earth whenever they find those who are negative enough to be impressed. But it also, on its higher levels, provides a dwelling place for noble souls who have made extensive research on various planes of being. These, when opportunity offers, transmit facts they have learned to their neophytes upon the earth.

The knowledge and beliefs of those on earth are determined to a much greater extent than most realize by the influence of the invisible world. Not only do invisible entities impress their thoughts and desires upon those who unwittingly tune in upon their vibratory rates; but planetary energies stimulate thought-cells within the four-dimensional body of man, and these attract events and prompt to action. We can not say, as some Orientals do, that the physical world is maya, or illusion; for its energies also cause changes in the astral world; but we must acknowledge that most physical events and conditions trace their immediate cause to happenings on the astral plane.

We can not know the whole Truth if we ignore the physical world; but as the astral persists after the dissolution of the physical; as its sensations, experiences and scope are so much more vast than those of the physical; and as the immediate stimuli of physical movement are chiefly astral in origin; we can perceive the reason that prompted the ancients to place the constellation picturing Verity in that section of the zodiac which more than any other relates to the astral plane. The Sun is in this Pisces-decanate of Pisces from February 20 to March 1 each year.

Not only is the character of each life-form on the earth, that determines its destiny, embraced by the organization of its astral form; but the character so organized is that which persists beyond the dissolution of the physical. Man lives in his astral body, in fact, is chiefly an astral organization, while still in the flesh. And the same organization continues to live on the four-dimensional plane beyond the tomb. Real life and real death, therefore, such as Peter holds dominion over, relate to the four-dimensional plane which is more closely associated with Pisces than with any other sign.

Verity, which is the Key-word of the constellation, is an accurate comprehension of the facts and their relations to each other. Such recognition of Truth permits actions that make a successful adaptation of the life-form to the conditions by which it finds itself surrounded. The keys which unlock the door of Truth also, therefore, unlock the doors of Heaven and Hell; for action based on falsehood and deception, such as one side of Pisces governs, leads to discord and destruction; while action based upon Verity, which the other side of Pisces governs, leads to harmony and eternal life.

Because all things in nature in their essential vibratory rates correspond to astrological influences, these astrological correspondences, such as are symbolized by the seven little globes in Peter's crown, are the Positive Key to that knowledge which is essential to progress and to everlasting life As a feminine complement to this positive key, to assist in unlocking the mysteries of the universe there is also a Receptive Key. This is embraced by the Tarot.

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Was Man Born —(*Continued from page 9*)

Salah at the age of 9 years. So it goes on until we come to Nahor, who in that case, would have lived only 37 years and would have begotten his son Terah, father of Abraham, at the early age of 7½ years.

Now, dear reader, you will understand that it is a physical impossibility that a child of seven or eight years of age be capable of begetting children.

Therefore, we can affirm without fear of committing an error that the years of the Patriarchs consisted of the same number of days as our years of today.

Let us now ask ourselves this pertinent question: Why is it that from Adam to Noah people did not reach maturity until the age of ninety or one hundred and their spans of life were almost one thousand years, while Nahor, who lived only eight generations after Noah, reached his maturity before the age of 30 years, begot his son Terah at the age of 29 and died at the comparatively early age of 148 years?

What phenomenal change took place in their living habits after the Flood that reduced the period of their maturity to one fourth the normal and shortened their spans of life from almost 1,000 to only 148 years? It is the purpose of the Science of Psycho-Physiopathy to answer these and many other questions in the proper place as we proceed.

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Girl of Neither-land—(*Continued from page 20*)

he also emeshed in a delusion....

Just when they became aware of sharp knocking at the door, neither could have said. But there it was, very insistant, and now a call.

"Justin. Allen, Justin. Let me in!"

The vision before them trembled at their diverted attention. The smile that had curved the red lips vanished. The eyes filled with a great sadness.

Allen crossed the room and opened the outer door. Rosalee stood before him. "Well, I must say. You certainly took your time about answering." Then she saw the expression of his face.

"What's wrong? Where is Justin? Is he—?"

Allen did not speak, but a light was quenched at what he read in her eyes. He took her hand and led her into the room. There she saw a beautiful girl advancing toward Justin. A circle of golden mist swathed about her. Justin's look, as it met that of the girl's, sent a sudden rage of jealous fury across Rosalee's face.

"Justin!" she called sharply. Then the glances of the two women locked. And Justin became aware of Rosalee's presence. A terrific fascination of the senses overwhelmed him. His heart pounded and desire for this girl was like heady wine. His thoughts reproached him. This was his girl, *real*, and he had almost lost in the *shadow*....

Irresistable longing swept over him, met and answered the challenge in Rosalee's dark eyes. Already the vision of Nanette was fading and he did not greatly care. He swayed toward Rosalee as to a magnetic pull. He felt as if he had never loved before....

While upon the countenance of the golden girl, a look of indefinite horror and fear replaced the beautiful trustfulness of the moment before. She watched Justin caught in swirling currents of power, helplessly rushing toward the expectant Rosalee.

In this way he met his test. Many times before, she had been forced to wait. But now the time had come. And now, Mefo would claim her. This time she would be forced to go with him into the darker regions of the Neither-Land.

Suddenly Nanette's soul sent out its despairing cry, "Mefo—I must go with Mefo!"

The vibrations rippled with the panic flight of the message of doom.

And in that moment, Justin, whose eyes had become accustomed to penetrating many secrets unknown to ordinary sight, was now given a glimpse of wisdom.

Behind Rosalee stood the dark form of Mefo! Behind Nanette hovered the image of—the Bright One. A dazzling light shot through Justin's brain. He gave a cry of one long lost, "Nanette. Nanette. I have almost falied you. My beloved."

As if at a given signal the light and dark shadows of the room became alive and a battle was fought for supremacy. Each one there was caught up in this test of the soul....gradually the golden mist predominated and a great relief surged over the four there waiting.

Allen knew Justin had forgotten all but Nanette, to whom he was now approaching. For a moment he watched them meet. The girl, a dream of radiant lovliness and happiness. The man, his face suffused with protecting tenderness and love.

Silently he took Rosalee by the hand and led her from the room. As in a daze, she let Allen help her into the little car. And it was only when she spoke that he realized that she had no consciousness of the last hours of happenings.

She said wearily, resting her head upon his shoulder like a tired child, "Allen, why did you leave me so long at the party? I wanted to go home long ago." Then she smiled contentedly. "But you did come for me at last, didn't you?"

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The Two Keys

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grounded in, and strictly built upon numerical proportions.

To comprehend their function we must have recourse to the Written and Oral Laws.

Initiates understand the Written Law to be that Law inscribed in scintillating characters of light, by the ever moving finger of Deity, in the azure dome that spans our midnight sky. It is written in the Language of the Stars, and thus revealed His will to the primitive Assyrian Shepherds. Its study later gave to Egypt her splendor and made the Chaldean Magi so justly famous. It was the knowledge of this ineffaceable Written Law, the sublime science of the starry heavens, that constituted the wisdom that flowed from the magical schools of Atlantis toward the rising sun; and in the dim and distant past, in those remoter periods of racial childhood, before material struggles had crystallized the sensitiveness of the soul, it was the pure intuitional recognition of the Written Law that constituted primitive religion.

Man is an epitome of the universe; is, in fact, a universe in miniature, built upon the exact plan and proportions of the larger one. His component parts interact with one another, even as do the orbs of nature; and they also interact with those larger bodies. Man, in his ignorance, imagines himself an isolated unit; but as his vision expands, he more and more recognizes the unity existing between himself and his divine source; and between himself and the infinitude of other manifestations.

The golden key is the understanding of planetary law; for the character of each thing contacted is completely mapped by its astrological vibrations. The silver key is a duplicate of the one of gold, except that its action is feminine and passive, bearing the same relation to the latter that woman bears to man. In fact, the Tarot is to Astrology what the Moon is to the Sun. Astrology and the Tarot are known to initiates as the Two Keys. They are the Keys to Verity, the real keys for which Peter is renowned.

The text therefore is the Hermetic Axiom: "As it is Above so it is Below, and that which is Below is Like unto that which is Above."

Success Belongs—

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narrow path hidden by a thousand false paths.

Soul science has been taught throughout the ages and is available today just as it has always been. The Secret Schools of centuries ago exist today as they have always existed, guarding their knowledge jealously, yet welcoming sincere students, while ever ready to lavish priceless knowledge on those ready and willing to travel the path that leads directly to Soul Consciousness and Immortality, with all the wisdom and knowledge these terms imply.

Soul science and mental science work hand in hand. Mind, the lesser, must give life to the Soul, the greater. Soul science is impossible except through the use of an awakened mind.

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven and all these things shall be added unto you." This simply means that man is to bring his own Soul into full consciousness, and once this is accomplished, he will have the necessary wisdom for the fulfillment of his every desire.

Man cannot build material success without in some measure also building for Spiritual success. To achieve material success it is necessary to express a strong love for the accomplishment of the desire, and love expressed, no matter how, is a spiritual quality.

Success and failure are the opposite poles of the same law. Quite often man works harder to achieve failure than would be necessary to accomplish success.

Success in any effort requires singleness of purpose, an intensified desire, a willingness to work, faith in one's own ability to win out against all odds, and the constant mental attitude of expecting success, opportunities, and the realization that if the law of supply is observed, failure is impossible.

Ignite Us With Thy Fire—

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edge, wisdom, truth! Darkness is ignorance, not figuratively but actually. There is no darkness but ignorance, Shakespeare was reputed as saying. In every sense we need more light. Mental light or spiritual light is the light in which the mind sees. It is the light of understanding. All natural sight is from the understanding. The eye cannot see of itself; nor can the ear hear, the hand feel, the nose smell, or the tongue taste of themselves. It is the interior life of man, the life of Spirit, that reunites with God or Divine Spirit that has sensation of the things in Nature through the organs of the body. When the soul or spirit is withdrawn from the body at death, the body has no sensation.

In China there are cases on record where devotees of Kwan Yin have cured themselves of blindness by repeating reverently and with faith the following quotation:

"The pure and holy light of the wise sun drives away all darkness. Its brightness illuminates the world in every part."

The ancient Zoroastrians, also called Mazdeans, were known as sun-worshippers. Mazda means "light"—the Light from the Source of all. Thus the sacred name comes down to us in these modern days on an electric light bulb.

Altruistic endeavors may be likened to the white ray of the spectrum, and every alienation in consciousness from nobility of character, truth and purity of heart and mind to its several prismatic colors, with their various gradations in intermediate shades. Let us therefore claim priority to only the white ray itself, and allegorically ignore and denounce as false every special colored ray of selfishness, cruelty and of degeneration in lofty ideals and motives. For as the sun or light of truth rises higher and higher on the horizon of man's perception, each colored ray will gradually fade out by becoming reabsorbed in its turn into the one great white ray of UNITY or universal kinship. Then humanity will no longer be cursed with artificial polarizations of ignorance and a divided front of cruelty, but it will find itself bathing in the pure colorless sunlight of eternal truth and brotherly love to man and the kingdoms below man—our younger brothers.

Our new conception of sunshine thus links it with man's mental and moral nature; where there are cellars and unsunned sides of narrow streets, there lies degeneracy in mind and body, and sickness runs its course in misery and degradation. It recognizes the difference between the spirit of work on a bright day and on one that is somber and dark. A feeling of exhilaration expresses itself in a joy of living. Fatigue, irritability and depression are overcome, and the appetite is stimulated when the body is thus invigorated. There is nothing else except the air itself that can compare with sunshine as a disease exterminator and health-producer.

Let us therefore drink physically, mentally and morally the real Elixir of Life—SUNSHINE—and its most exalted manifestation radiating as the torch of divine guidance in the kingdom of Heaven within us. By permitting it to ignite us with its fire, it will gleam forth resplendent as the shining star out of the darkness of night and ignorance, giving light to many a cluttered and rough-shod path in our upward and onward evolutionary journey.

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June 22-July 22

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LEO
July 23-August 22.

You will get off from the merry-go-round of unpleasant things now and see your way clear to undertake better things. Improvement in finances, friendships and home life are shown. Offer of travel.

VIRGO
August 23-September 22

Be very careful of your health and take no unnecessary risks. Unpleasant associations can be successfully managed with tact and diplomacy. Avoid extravagance and losses through carelessness.

LIBRA
September 23-October 22

Shun travel and try to be content with present surroundings. Conquer a roving disposition that develops here. Prevent accidents in traffic and keep your valuables under lock and key to prevent theft.

SCORPIO
October 23-November 21

Originality of mind and many new, bright ideas are features of worthwhile consideration. Joy over some personal success or the realization of an important heart's desire. Offer to take a trip comes.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22-December 21

Get busy with your affairs early in the month and push them through. Opportunities for self improvement appear several times this month. Good for finances, work, social affairs, friendships and favors.

CAPRICORN
December 22-January 19

Some old contacts may be completed and new ones formed. Nature appears to be reorganizing your affairs for you now. Go forward with the new schedule of things. Changes in residence or work may present themselves.

AQUARIUS
January 20-February 19

First half of the month looks slow and not very interesting. The balance looks better. Then have much improvement in home life, work or business and friendships. New ways to earn money are shown to you.

PISCES
February 20-March 21

1st to the 10th is unsettled. Have a slight despondent feeling, but nothing serious. 11th to the 21st looks a little brighter and more cheerful. 22nd to the 31st is very good indeed for personal affairs.

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1—Progress through determination.
2—Same as yesterday.
3—Unfortunate. Take things easy.
4—All influences are mostly neutral.
5—Sunday. Seek friendly, cheerful friends.
6—A.M. disruptive. P.M. much better.
7—Same as the 3rd.
8—Push ahead. Good aspects prevail.
9—Same as the 1st.
10—Start new things. Begin trips and changes.
11—Same as yesterday. Finish odd jobs.
12—Attend Church and usual Sunday duties.
13—Same as the 3rd. Avoid accidents.
14—Same as yesterday.
15—Seek work, take trips, visit friends.
16—Push business, travel, buy or sell.
17—Same as the 1st. Keep busy.
18—A.M. very fortunate. P.M. unfavorable.
19—Sunday. Take a trip or outing.
20—Same as the 3rd. Avoid quarrels.
21—Same as yesterday. Prevent accidents.
22—Do not act upon hunches—ask someone first.
23—Same as the 1st. Push all business interests.
24—Same as the 3rd. Avoid irritability.
25—Same as the 4th. Practice introspection.
26—Sunday. Rather adverse, remain quiet.
27—Uneven influences prevail. Proceed slowly.
28—Very unfavorable. Ask no favors. Be quiet.
29—Seek work, advertise, write letters.
30—Same as yesterday. Ask favors of others.
31—Rather doubtful and unimportant. Routine only.

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What Is Life?—(*Continued from page* 14)

opposition to their own good intentions and better reason. And so regardless of even their superior education which many may perhaps possess, they still continue on and on. "Why is it?"

"It's the work of the Devil" the theologians and preachers tell us. But we may now know (in Truth) that this so-called Devil was not a creation of GOD, but that this Devil and all others are creations of man's mind only and as such he (the devil and all else belonging to him) may again be destroyed and annihilated by man's realization of the true nature of GOD. This may sound like preachment, nevertheless it does help to explain this mystery of man's own wrong-doing when he knows it is not right and then lays all the blame on the Devil; for as afore said, the Devil does not exist in the mind of GOD but in the personal and selfish mind of man only. The sooner man gets him out of his own system or himself the sooner will he change his views and beliefs concerning the true purpose of Life and his own wonderful future destiny.

From the more spiritual, metaphysical and occult basis of Self-realization then, we may know beyond ordinary reason that this Life of GOD (Mind) is ever-present in, by and during the process of so-called physical disintegration and, that *those who live, express or "present" Life in its more perfect expression and naturalness never question as to the mystery of Life* because they are self-conscious of their own true Spiritual ancestry. *Life speaks for itself* as well as to all others whose minds are open and free from doubt, fear and prejudice, for it can not be confined within the prison walls of a closed mind full of man-made theories and selfish beliefs.

Then to avoid also the question of "What's your authority for the statements you make?" from arising in the minds of the more interested reader, I can also state that according to the most ancient and most Sacred Teachings of the Far East, it is plain to see and understand that, Life is That which animates all living things and beings. Life is That which knows and realizes its own Self in, by and through its own individualized forms and beings. Life also personifies itself in our own immortal Selves, so that our true individual identity shall live after the so-called death of the body. It is only when these forms or creations (beings) have become over-crystalized and have served the all-wise purpose for which they were formed or created that Life again dissolves such forms for those more desirable for the immortal soul—invisible as it is on this earth plane. Thus I, (Soul and Life which I am behind this mortal veil) I live on forever either with or without this or the infinite number of bodies or forms I may most desire as a self-conscious soul.

Life then is nothing less than wonderful at all times, and regardless of our own temporary personal and self-limited views, opinions and experiences.

Life to me is nothing less than wonderful. Of course there was a time in my life, as in the lives of others, when it seemed that Life was not worth living; but life itself was as it still is, and always shall be nothing less than WONDERFUL.

Tertia Motus—(*Continued from page* 10)

emotional attitude within his minds realm or father.) While Esau was still hunting after the "wild flesh" or meat i.e. plain selfish lust.

All these preparations of Jacob helped by Rachel shows that he prepared his magnetic armor in order to "deceive" or change his lower nature which would most naturally "blind" the little mind (his father). The latter had some doubt but gave his blessing anyhow, which is just another proof that we cannot figure out spiritual attainment and must needs many times take things "blindly" on trust and with good faith in Him. Yet so much was sure in Isaac's mind that when later on Esau appeared and wanted the blessing repudiated the old man was wise enough and simply said, no.

Thus the "Supplanter" (Jacob) "deceived" or put one over on the "blind" groping mind (Isaac) supplanting the selfish by the unselfish.

This insufficient little narrative may give you an inkling of how wonderful our Holy Bible can be for us if we read it right. There is more illusion to the division of the psychic crystal than in any other book on earth. Yes, yes, it is still The Book.

You remember the Benjamanites the left-handed trained warriors who could hit at great length upon a hair's breadth. The throwing of stones in so many parts of this Book, the sling of David, the wheels of Ezekiel? Also the breaking of the bread, etc., etc., all these incidents represent in a vulgar or refined way the division of the psychic crystal. In fact the Bible gives the most explicit description of the human body including the etheric, astral, phosphorous and solar body. To read the mystic side of the Bible, "Straight Knowledge" is needed.

Oh, how much could be done for the persecuted Jew if some picture company would reveal to the world the immense wisdom and the splendor of creative fire that lies hidden and bottled up behind the Scroll. How easy it would be to explain to the medical world the origin and process of the most dreadful diseases, such as cancer, infantile paralysis, etc., etc.

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Should I Have Told?

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to be a spirit medium—a writing medium. One evening, so this lady said, she had felt the urge to write. Placing a piece of blank paper under her hand in which she held a pencil, her hand commenced to write. A message was written, addressed to me.

The message the lady had received she had enclosed in her letter to me. It was from the man who had passed out nearly a year before. From it I learned the cause of his demise. He stated that after several attempts, he had succeeded in freeing himself from his physical body. After looking around for a short time thru the house, he was surprised by being joined by two old friends who took him on, "a sight-seeing trip," as he put it. Everything was so much nicer, so very beautiful that he simply decided not to return to his old life. In closing he thanked me for being instrumental in giving him his freedom.

At first, after reading this message, I was glad I had told that man what to do. Then, when I remembered the sad tone in the letter I had got from his sister, there came a revulsion of feeling. Had I done right? Should I have told this woman's beloved brother the things which had been the cause of her losing him? I didn't know. It worried me greatly. That evening I wrote to the sister telling her of the message I had received. I never heard from her, my letter was returned, marked, "Uncalled for."

Now comes the climax to this unique episode. One night only a few days ago I had retired and was lying on my back listening to the low murmur of the little creek that flows past my cabin and to the soft whispering of the night wind as it sang thru the tall pines. Then there came another sound. From a great distance, so it seemed, there came the sweet sound of music. It grew louder, as if drawing nearer; soon it seemed as if several musicians were passing right thru my cabin, not more than a few feet from where I lay. The room was dark, so very dark that I was unable to see anything; then small, bright lights became visible. They looked, for all the world, like the glowing ends of lighted cigarettes. I counted six of them; they seemed to be slowly drifting past me up near the ceiling. Soon one of the lights came to a pause, as if undecided, then it came back and down until it rested right in front of my face. A low, soft voice spoke to me, calling me by name. These are the words I heard.

"I want to tell you that we are happy now. My sister is with me. She came over some time ago. I am the man you helped out. you will remember me." Then the voice told me that man's name, and I knew who it was.

I no longer wonder if I did right or not. The sister and brother are together, and happy. But I do not think I should tell others what to do, as I did that man. They might not come back.

Biblical Miracles

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and criticised; sometimes arrested and thrown into jail. Change of public opinion, laws, and other circumstances combine to prevent such spiritually gifted persons being burned at the stake, or in some other manner executed as witches, as they were in the early days of this great and glorious country.

Now, after the lapse of these additional 1900 years, similar manifestations still occur during the night-time. Scientific investigators have found that some of the best demonstrations of physical phenomena are obtained in complete darkness or under weak light; generally red light. Therefore, in comparison with the scriptural records as well as the results of scientific research, the case for the Spiritualist custom of holding seances for the production of physical psychic phenomena in darkness or in partial darkness, does not seem nearly so black as the Orthodox critics would have it appear.

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